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CHINESE WOMAN'S SUICIDE

How She Answered Inspector

HOW a police inspector obtained a statement from a young Chinese woman who had taken caustic soda and was unable to speak, by asking her questions and receiving replies in the form of head and hand motions, was explained in the Singapore Coroner's court recently.

The officer was Inspector Goh Kong Chiang, of the Tanjong Pagar Police Station, who described his visit to the woman in the General Hospital when he gave evidence at an inquiry begun by Mr W. G. Porter, the Singapore Coroner, into the woman's death.

The woman, Sim Ah Lian, a 23-year-old Hokkien, was stated to have drunk a solution of caustic soda in her home on Nov. 13. She died a few days later.

Describing his visit, Inspector Goh said: "I asked her in Hokkien how many years she had been married and she indicated eight by means of her fingers."

"I then asked her if she had drunk a solution of caustic soda and she nodded her head."

"When I asked her if she had taken caustic soda by mistake, she shook her head."

Nodded Her Head

"I then asked her if she had taken the soda to end her life, and she nodded her head in agreement."

"When I asked her why she had taken the soda to end her life she waved her hand."

Inspector Goh said he then asked her if she had taken the soda because she wanted "to go away," but she shook her head.

"I then asked her," Inspector Goh continued, "if it was because she had been driven away from home, and she nodded her head."

To another question put by Inspector Goh, the woman indicated that she was worried.

Husband's Evidence

Ng Kee, husband of the woman, said that he visited his wife when she was in hospital and that he questioned her.

"She told me that she had taken the caustic soda unintentionally," said Ng Kee.

Questioned about his wife's worries, Ng Kee said that she had been brooding over the loss of her child some months ago.

Ng Koon Chuan, the woman's father-in-law, said that she came home from work on Nov. 13 shortly after 4 p.m., had some food and then went up to her room. He left the house to buy something and when he returned he saw his daughter-in-law come running out of her room and collapse in the hall-way.

He summoned the police. Remarking that he was satisfied that the woman took the soda with the intention of taking her own life, Mr Porter returned a verdict of "suicide."

ENGLISHWOMEN'S

Plight in Paris

The plight of 500 British women who were unable to leave Paris when the Germans entered the city is described by an Englishman who has just reached London from occupied France as "pretty terrible."

When he left Paris the Gestapo were tightening their surveillance over the Englishwomen. All the British menfolk have been taken to prison. The women are all allowed their liberty, but are spied upon and are kept in a constant state of apprehension.

Many are absolutely penniless. The meagre funds which most of the women had are now running low, and unless some means of providing them with money is found soon the outlook for them this winter will be terrible.

The French people are not over friendly, because of the persistent Nazi propaganda which seeks to show that the calamity of the French defeat is largely due to Britain's leaders.

Suicide During Air Raid Warning

A verdict of "suicide" while the balance of her mind was disturbed was recorded at a Lewisham inquest, on Mrs Rosina Scholey (73), of Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who took her life while an air raid warning was in progress.

Mr Francis Scholey, the husband, said that when the air raid warning sounded, he and his wife went to the dugout in the garden. Later she told him that she had got tired of waiting and was going to the house to get some bread and milk.

When the All-clear sounded he went back to the house and found his wife, lying dead on the kitchen floor in front of a gas stove. The room was full of gas.

His wife dreading the prospect of having to enter hospital shortly. She was in poor health.

Aircraft Factories For India?

The British Government is negotiating with Mr W. D. Pawley, the aviation expert, who supervised the building of Nationalist China's only aircraft factory, with a view to the promotion of a similar project in India, says the "New York Herald Tribune."

Mr Pawley last month made a survey of sites in India and studied the aptitude of Indians for the work necessary for the building of aircraft.

HOUSE FOR WAR AND PEACE

Blast-proof housing for industrial centres is the subject of an exhibition of architects' drawings opened recently at the R.I.B.A. headquarters in Portland Place, W.

The purpose of the exhibition is to teach housing authorities that though war-time needs come first there is no need to neglect either present amenities or future peace-time uses.

Therefore the R.I.B.A. set a competition open to all architects for a typical housing-estate house to comply with three conditions:

(1) Economy of material and speed of construction so as not to interfere with pressing war needs, (2) the house must be built for peace-time use yet afford extra sleeping accommodation for war-time needs, (3) it must give adequate A.R.P. protection.

A second competition has provided for the estate lay-out and this section produced two ingenious plans. One emphasises some buildings and camouflages, others to leave the impression from the air that the estate is only an old-world village; the other shows a houses arranged in the scattered, inconsequent manner of an English village.

PILOT'S 40 NAZI VICTIMS

There is a pilot in the R.A.F. who has already brought down 40 enemy aircraft. In the last war Major E. Mannock was top scorer with 73.

But though pilots' records are kept, the Air Ministry does not approve of the glorification of the air ace. In fighter, as in bomber, squadron team work is the thing.

Fighter pilots, often have a long list of fractional victories, a third of a bomber here, a half there, and a third on the following day, for many victories over enemy aircraft are secured by joint action.

Here is a report of three sergeant pilots of Hurricanes, who recently sent down a Dornier 17 bomber.

No. 1: "The section was in line astern, so I turned to intercept, and attacked from beam quarter, developing into line astern. I noticed bullets hit enemy aircraft, and then I broke off the attack to allow Nos. 2 and 3 to carry on theirs."

No. 2: "I followed No. 1 and delivered an astern attack, giving a long continuous burst."

No. 3: "I followed suit, enemy fire ceasing after a prolonged burst from me. The enemy aircraft was obviously badly damaged. It continued to lose height and attempted to flatten out above the water. The tail unit touched the sea and broke off, the machine nose-diving and disappearing after a few seconds. No wreckage was to be seen above the surface."

Tapestry Work Is Soothing

A centuries-old remedy for soothing nerves has been revived by British women who spend their nights in shelters or standing by for duty. They are stitching elaborate tapestries like those worked by the women of medieval days as they waited for their men to return from battle.

Hundreds are finding that embroidery makes the long hours of waiting pass more quickly, takes their minds off the sound of gunfire and enemy planes overhead.

Queen Mary has just started work on two lovely old French fruit designs of pomegranates, grapes, and pears. When they are finished the tapestries will be mounted as chair seats.

The Royal School of Needlework, which is remaining in London despite the war, has been supplying a number of clients with designs and materials.

The principal, Lady Smith-Dorrien, said: "There has been a great revival in tapestry work since the raids began."



WOULDN'T REGISTER—Asserting they were conscientious objectors, Rev. Keith C. Kanaga, left, Congregational clergyman, and Rev. Harry H. Krueger, Baptist, both of Boston, refused to register for conscription in the United States.

No Right To Beat Boy— S'pore Dutchman Fined

"YOU had no right to beat any of the children or take the law into your own hands," said Mr Kenneth Byrne, Singapore magistrate, to Peter van der Weerd, a Hollander employed as an assistant at the K.P.M., when he convicted van der Weerd recently of using criminal force on 8½-year-old Donald Urquhart.

Donald William Urquhart told the court that he was in Standard I at St Andrew's School.

"About 5 or 5.30 p.m. on Oct. 29," he said, "I was playing with several other boys outside van der Weerd's house in Cairnhill Road."

"Two of them, Joe and Pete, had a fight and I tried to separate them. Then van der Weerd came out and asked me what was the matter."

Beaten In Back

"Before I could answer him," Donald declared, "he took hold of me with one hand and hit me with the other, beating me all over my back four or five times."

Donald's evidence was corroborated by Joe Sassoon, also aged 8½, who admitted that he had a quarrel with Pete Bas because Pete spat on his leg.

Mrs Blanche Urquhart said that that evening her son Donald came running into the house complaining that he had been thrashed.

"He was crying and was very upset, and I found that his back was all red," she stated.

Had Dengue Fever

In his defence, van der Weerd said he had come home that day from a very busy day in the office and had also a touch of dengue fever.

He sat in the verandah of his house, he went on, in front of which about ten or 12 children were playing and shouting.

"Suddenly, I saw two boys fighting," he said, "and I ran out and asked 'What has happened here?'"

"All the boys ran away except Donald, who was in the corner where I saw the boys fighting, so I gave him two slaps on his posterior."

"He was very calm, and told me he would tell his mother, and I said that he could, and he walked away," concluded van der Weerd.

Fining van der Weerd \$10, Mr Byrne remarked that there was no doubt at all that Donald was telling the truth, and had not been fighting that evening.

He advised van der Weerd to complain to their mothers if children gave trouble, and not to beat them.

NEW DOCTRINE Preached By Berlin

Germany is now declaring that invasion is not necessary to bring about Britain's defeat.

This new view is now being sedulously spread by official quarters in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Rastler Nachrichten."

The new argument is, the correspondent says, that Britain can be brought to her knees by the destruction of her economic life by the air attack and blockade.

French Red Cross Women In London

Two women officials of the French Red Cross are now in London on a secret mission after travelling from unoccupied France.

They are Mlle. Helene Terro and Mlle. Edna Nicolle.

"I cannot tell you at present the reason for our visit to the Red Cross in your country," Mlle Terro told a reporter, "as our work is not yet completed."

MANY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Helping to keep the wheels turning

Retired business and professional men at Falmouth, near Brighton, turn out and deliver newspapers, and periodicals, when, owing to air raids, they arrive too late for the normal distribution.

Among the volunteer "news boys" are a well-known journalist, a high-grade ex-Civil Servant, and a prominent engineer.

Their reward—cheers and smiles. It's all they ask.

RHAPSODY BY BLUE

Two detectives who called at Canterbury Deanery told the dean, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, that there had been reports of mysterious gatherings in the deanery after Sunday evening service.

Dr. Johnson gave the explanation at a meeting in Manchester recently.

"As a matter of fact," he said, "the highly dangerous thing that happened there was extremely highbrow music."

"The police and I became friendly. One of the constables was a first-class musician."

"He now comes to the deanery, and he delighted us the other evening for forty minutes by playing Beethoven in a masterly way."

Vichy Acquires Havas

Reorganisation Move

VICHY, Dec. 18 (UP).—The French government has been authorized to acquire a 25,000,000-franc holding in Agence Havas under a law entitled "Law Relative to a Reorganization of the Havas Company."

Technically, Agence Havas has been a private company hitherto with a total capital stock for a news and an advertising agency of about 105,000,000 francs. It has been the largest of three French news agencies, the others being Agence Radio and Agence Fournier. Agence Radio discontinued publication at Bordeaux on June 25 after the retreat from Paris. Agence Fournier continues to function at Vichy, having accompanied the government.

The law relative to Agence Havas' reorganization does not state the method of reorganization, but it was understood the government intended to acquire control of the news agency portion of the Havas company, which thereafter would function openly as a government agency, similar to Germany's DNB and Italy's Stefani.

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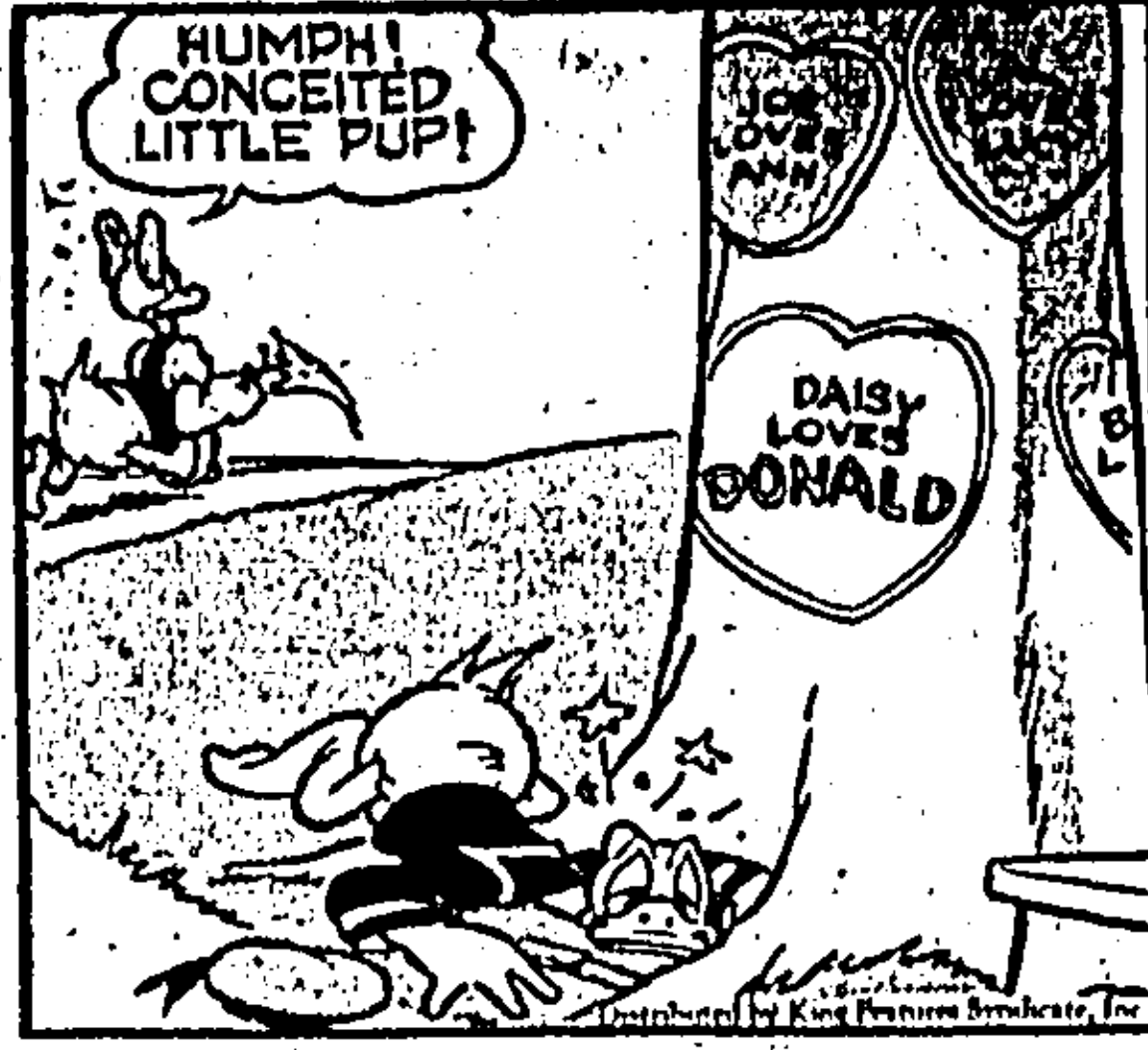
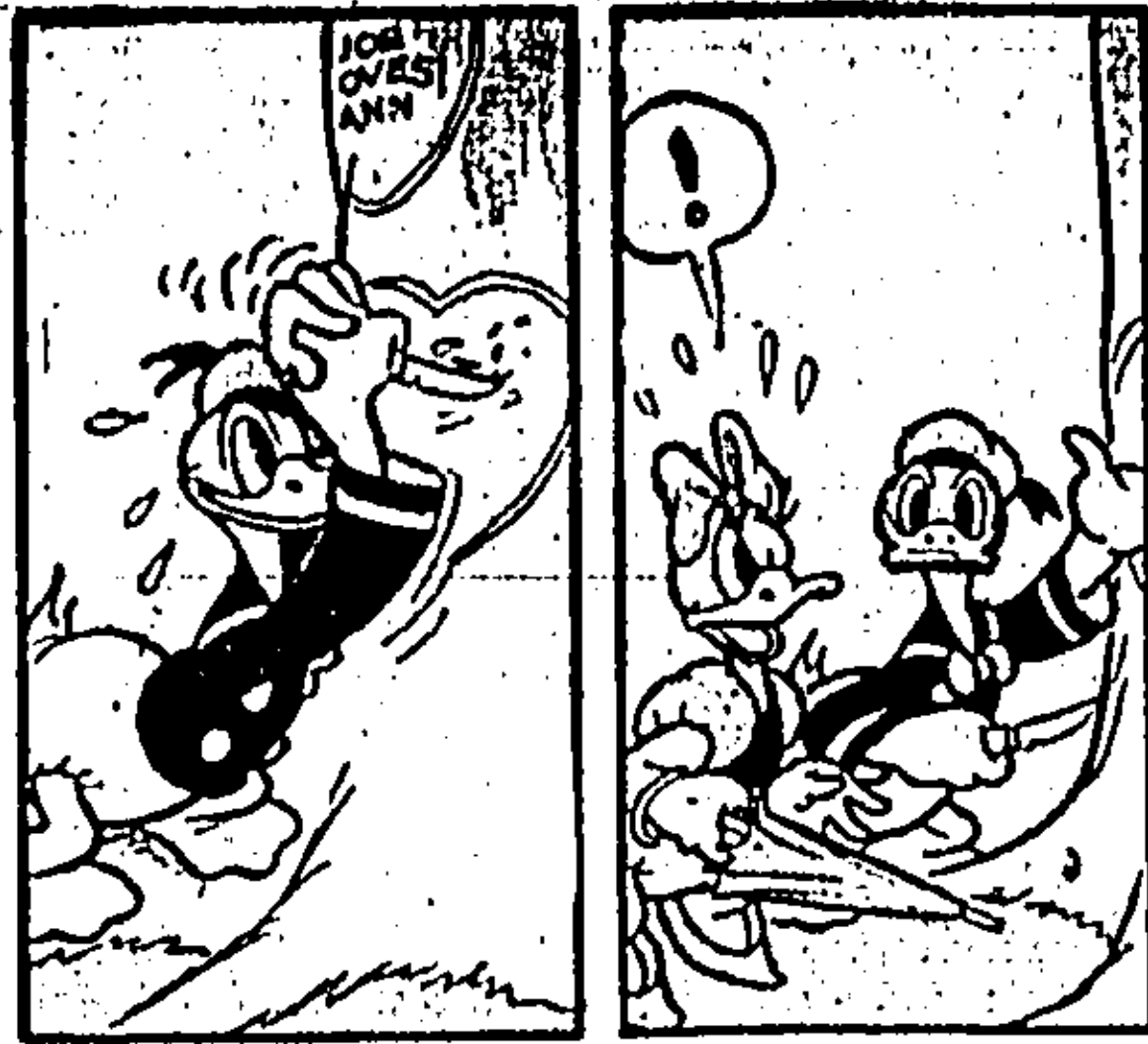
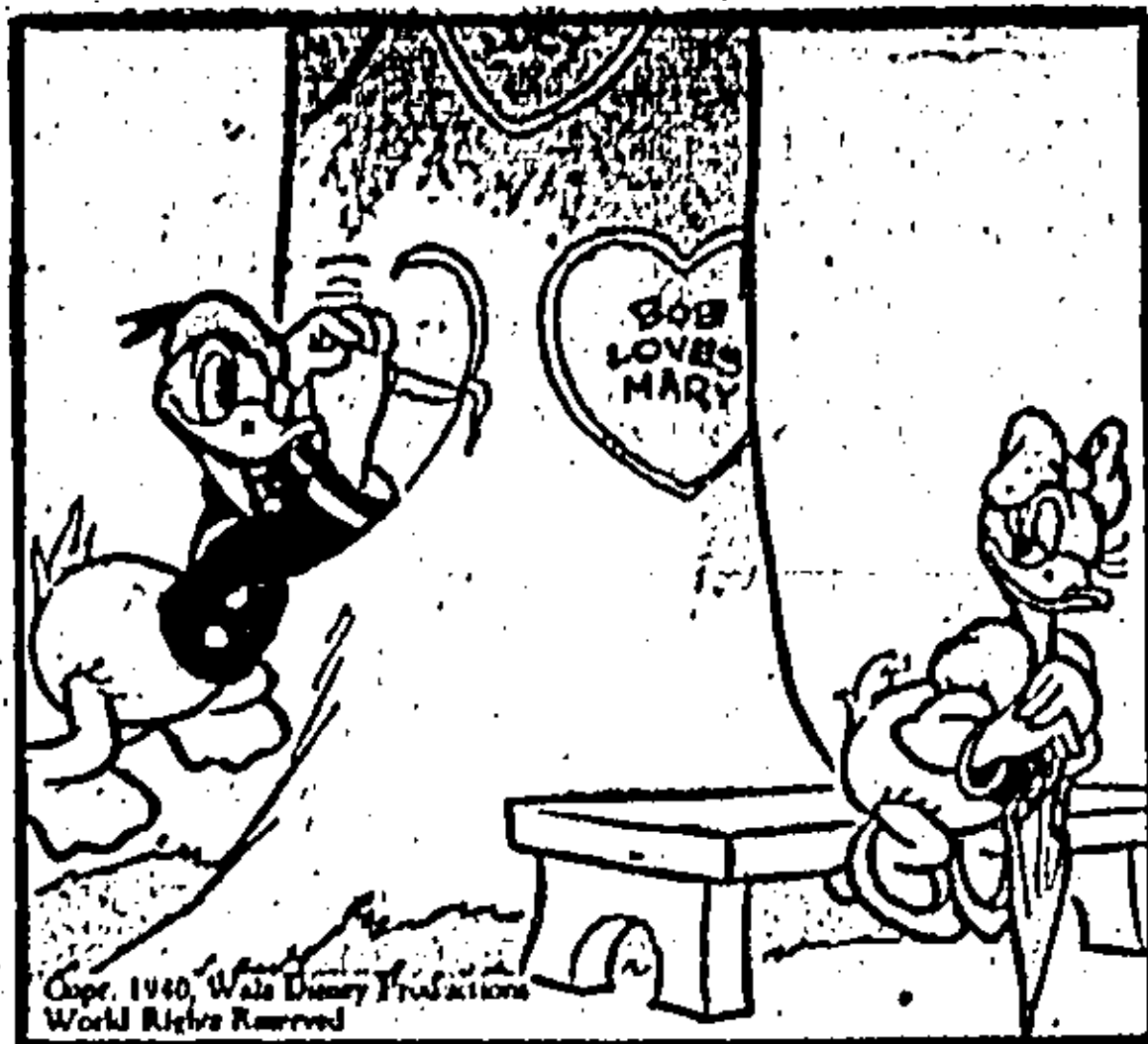
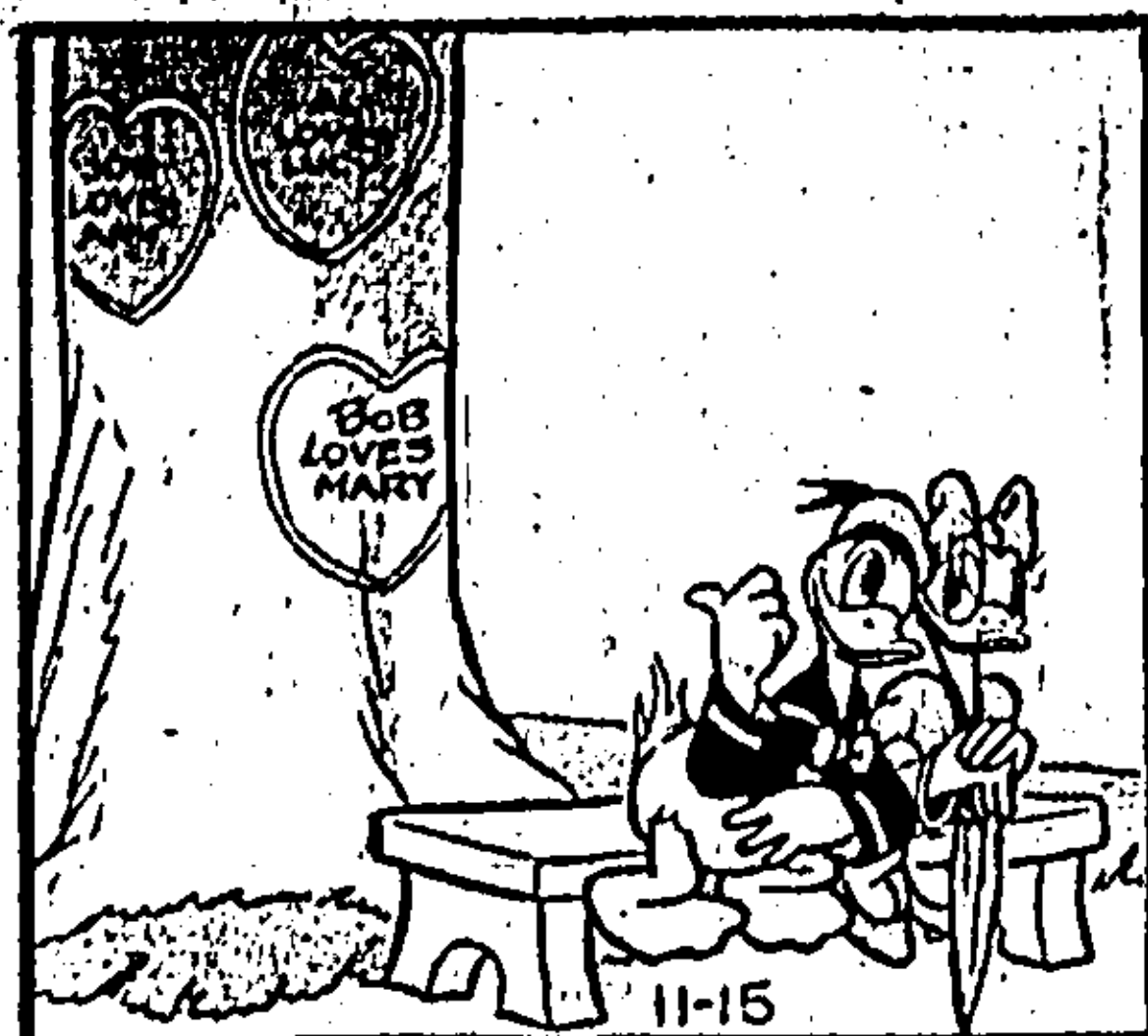
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Oil Bomb On
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Lords

An oil bomb fell in the precincts of the Palace of Westminster recently. The House of Commons was unhurt, but the bomb crashed through the roof of a building attached to the House of Lords, penetrating to wash-houses on the first floor.

A fire was started but was quickly got under control by the fire-lighting squad and the police on duty. Buckets of sand and water were readily available. Hoses were connected with the fire-hydrants and the fire was subdued within a very short while. It is stated that some damage has been done to roofs, ceilings and fittings.

This is the first time that the Nazis have, even remotely, inflicted damage on the birthplace and home of Parliamentary Government, which they have sworn to destroy.

The damage is of so little consequence that Parliament might have continued its ordinary work in complete ignorance of the fact that its home had been damaged.



FORMER MINISTER GUILTY—Scene in French court at Clermont-Ferrand, as Jean Zay, sitting with head to chin, former Minister of Education under Premiers Blum and Daladier, hears himself convicted of desertion in presence of enemy. He fled to Morocco with other French leaders when Nazis overran France.

U.S. Builds
1,000 Planes
Monthly

America's plane production is now nearly 1,000 a month, of which about 300 are shipped to Britain. Occasionally alarming reports are published such as one appearing in to-day's New York Times that there are only 300 American first line combat planes.

President Roosevelt dealt with these reports at a Press conference some time ago in answer to Republican charges that the defence programme was in a state of confusion. He pointed out that by assuming arbitrary definitions almost any kind of total could be reached.

He also said that since the first requirement was for trained pilots a large proportion of the planes delivered currently were for training purposes.

Gen. Marshall, Chief of Staff, was asked at a Press Conference how many first line bomber planes the army possessed and replied that the correct figure was about 1,500. He admitted, however, that only about 500 of these were comparable to the best which are now being produced by Germany and Britain, that is to say only that number were provided with armoured protection and self-sealing petrol tanks.

Orders Increasing

Orders were, however, rapidly increasing and new contracts being signed.

Gen. Marshall summoned the conference to announce that several hundred army tanks, the actual numbers believed to be around 400, would be sold to Canada for training purposes.

These tanks are old models travelling no faster than 3 miles an hour. They used up petrol at such a rate that seven years ago Congress forbade the Army to use any more.

They will be sold to Canada in the same way as rifles and French 75's were sold to England. They will be declared as surplus and sold to a private company which can resell them to Canada.



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SOVIET VIEW
OF BASES PACT

Moscow newspapers continue to take great interest in the Anglo-American "bases for destroyers" agreement. Pravda, official organ of the Communist party, declares the agreement either covers, or will cover, the Far East, while "Trud," the Trade Unions paper, asserts that the Far East is undoubtedly included. It adds that judging from the recreation in the Japanese Press, nobody in Japan expects Anglo-American understanding to be based on the "Burma road agreement" precedent.

The "Red Fleet" declares that the decision to sell the destroyers is based on advice received from the American naval mission in London, and argues that this reflects the belief of American military circles in the possibility of defending Britain.

ROMAN PRINCES
EXILED BY
MUSSOLINI

Prince Filippo Dorio Pamphili and Prince Alessandro Torlonia, two prominent members of the Roman aristocracy, have arrived at Lugano, Switzerland. There is much speculation as to the reason.

Prince Pamphili owns the magnificent Palace Corso Umberto in Rome, which houses the most valuable private collection of artistic treasures in the city. He is suspected of anti-Fascist leanings. His wife is British, but as she became Italian by marriage her British origin has hitherto caused no difficulties.

A New York report, stated that Prince Pamphili and Prince Torlonia were among prominent Romans who had been either arrested or exiled because Mussolini was bent on suppressing defeatist talk in Italy.

Escape Through Tunnel

A perilous journey through the labyrinth of vaults and tunnels of London's riverside was described by women who had been trapped in a shelter after bombs had destroyed the building over their heads.

Ten women and two men were in the shelter, which was under an old yard by a wharf. "We heard the crash as the building collapsed," one of them said, "and after standing still for a while, we began to see how we could get out."

"Two of the exits were completely blocked. Through the third we could see the glow of flames. We decided we had better take our chance through this one. We scrambled through amid thick dust and smoke, and found ourselves on the wharf."

"It was an enormous relief, but we were still, as far as we could tell, cut off from the streets. We shouted together to the bridge we could see not far away, and after a while a voice answered."

"They told us to wait, and said a boat would come for us, but in the end two policemen found their way through to us by land. We went down with them through passages and vaults we had known nothing about, until we came into a side-street some distance away from the fire."

It seems doubtful if they could have been rescued by water. The river at this point is filled with treacherous cross-currents and eddies. An expert said that unless the boat had been in the hands of a local lighterman, it would have been dashed to destruction against the pier of a bridge.

WOMAN NOT TO DRIVE
FOR 20 YEARS

Lucy Wood (46), of Park Terrace, Newcastle, was fined £50, with £10 costs, and had her driving licence suspended for 20 years at Newcastle recently, when she pleaded guilty to being under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of a car.

MORE SABOTAGE
IN BELGIUM

—Mystery Fire

Further evidence is available that the Belgians are not settling down under their Nazi taskmasters. The people have been reminded by the German-controlled Brussels wireless station of the decree of the German High Command issued in May, under which instigation to lay down tools, to strike or to commit sabotage would be dealt with by a military tribunal.

At the same time the announcer issued a strong warning to Belgian municipal authorities, who, it was alleged, were not doing their duty in putting unemployed to work.

He also announced that there had been a fire in a rubber factory near Scharbeck. Efforts to extinguish the flames were in vain and the factory was entirely burnt out. Investigations were being made by the police.

Reprisals for sabotage in the province of Liege were also announced.

Cables belonging to the German army had been cut, and in consequence, it was stated, all men belonging to the "former Belgian army" who had been released and who were residing in three certain communes of the province would be seized by the Germans as prisoners of war.

If the guilty parties were not discovered shortly, more reprisals would take place.

FRENCH WILL NOT
ACCEPT FASCISM

"It seems to me that the only hope for an independent France, in our lifetime at least, is a British victory," declared "Perrinax," the French journalist, in an interview with the "New York Post."

"Under the constant threat of pressure no Government can be free," he added. "Fascism will never sink into the French soul."

"Can you imagine our workers, our shopkeepers, who like to gather in little cafes and thresh out the problems of the world, marching, saluting, following a leader? Can you imagine them blindly obeying orders? Most of all, can you imagine them keeping silent?"

Reshuffle At
Ministry Of
Information

The Ministry of Information, it has been announced, is being reorganised in five departments—censorship of news, photographs; public relations, regional administration, and home intelligence; news for overseas; control of films, posters, books and pamphlets; and general administration.

Two subsidiary divisions will deal with the relationship of the Ministry to the B.B.C. and the Board of Trade. Reductions of staff are in progress.

New U.S. Fighter
Reaches 500 M.P.H.

The new twin-engined Lockheed fighter plane has reached speeds of 500 m.p.h. in tests at Burbank, California, with engines opened only to half throttle, and is expected to reach 600 m.p.h.

It lands and takes off at 100 m.p.h. and can climb 4,000 feet in a minute, and carries a 30mm. cannon in the nose and numerous machine guns.

It is not available for purchase by foreigners, but, it is said, Britain has ordered 800 of the export type, capable of over 400 m.p.h.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange Official Summary, issued Saturday, says: The market closed firm with a fair turnover for the short morning session.

Buyers

H.K. Banks \$1,370
Bank of East Asia \$74
Union Ins. \$200
H.K. Fire Ins. \$157.50
Wharves \$93
Docks "O" \$18.60
Docks "N" \$18
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$3.50
Lands \$33.75
Realities \$3.80
Star Ferries \$61
Liquors "N" C.D. \$7.15
Sandakan Lights \$11.30
Cements \$18.45
Ropes \$7.05
Watsons \$10.50
Entertainments \$7.05
Constructions "O" \$1.60

Sellers

Wharves \$95
Providents \$5,724
Realities \$4
Watsons \$10.75
Vibro Piling \$7.70
H.K. Banks \$1,380
Docks "O" \$18.55/60
Providents \$5.70
Hotels \$3.65
Realities \$3.85
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Liquors "O" C.D. \$7.50
Electricity "O" \$40
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CHANGE OF ADDRESS

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Evacuation Representation Committee

PUBLIC MEETING

A public meeting of all those interested in the Evacuation Representation Committee will be held at the Peninsula Hotel on Friday, December 27, at 6 p.m., to receive a statement from the Committee, in connection with the reply to the petition submitted on November 22.

F. C. CLEMO,
Hon. Secretary.

M.V. "HOEGH TRANSPORTER"

On instructions from the Underwriters, Tenders are invited for the Single Screw Motor Vessel "HOEGH TRANSPORTER" as she lies submerged in her damaged condition in Singapore Roads.

The vessel is of the Shelter Deck type designed for a carrying capacity of 9,000 tons and fitted with Diesel Machinery.

A large part of the cargo has been removed from the vessel. Tenders should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 31st. December, 1940, who will supply any further information available.

The highest, or any, tender may not necessarily be accepted.
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NOTICE

DEFENCE REGULATIONS 1940

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China and Macao
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16 cents Saturdays

British and Foreign

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G. R. NOTICE

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- (2) Private Chair and Driver Licences
- (3) Tricycle and Driver Licences
- (4) Public Motor Vehicle Licences
- (5) Motor Vehicle Permits.

Before relicensing, tricycles must be taken for inspection to No. 2 Police Station, Wanchai, or Tsim Sha Tui Police Station, Kowloon, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 12 noon between January 2nd. and January 24th, 1941.

C. G. PERDUE,
Commissioner of Police.
23rd. December, 1940.
Hong Kong.



AUTHORESS — Erika Mann, 34, novelist and British citizen, arriving in New York on ocean clipper, reported that the more the Nazis bomb London the greater the British tenacity. She said bombing of Buckingham Palace infuriated the British people.

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1.03 Negro Spirituals sung by Paul Robeson (Bass).

1.13 Orchestra Raymond.

1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Billy Cotton & His Band.

2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Compositions of Rossini.

7.0 London Relay—The News.

7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Eileen Joyce (Piano).

Minstrels (Debussy); Flight of the Bumble-Be. (Rimsky-Korsakov).

Dance Espagnole ("La Vida Breve"—De Falla), Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accomp. Romance (Brahms), Au Bord D'une Source (Liszt), Eileen Joyce (Piano).

7.45 Studio-Talk on Coventry by Mrs. C. A. S. Ross.

7.55 Interlude.

Tales from the Orient—Waltz (Strauss, arr. Egg), Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.

8.07 Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley.

Viennese Waltz Orchestra.

8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—The News & News Commentary.

9.30 Humorous and Vocal Variety.

10.0 An Hour of Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

NAZIS' INVASION DIFFICULTIES

Assessed By Soviet Paper

MOSCOW, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—"As long as the British Navy retains mastery and the British air force is undefeated, a landing operation in Britain will be extraordinarily difficult," writes "Trud," organ of the Soviet Trade Unions.

The newspaper adds: "The British air force is restoring its losses from its own resources and with American aid."

"In spite of shipping losses, total British tonnage exceeds the indispensable minimum of 8,000,000 to 9,000,000 tons."

"According to the foreign press, England has 40 to 50 trained divisions, including at least five tank divisions. In order to make a successful invasion, the Germans must land at least an equally strong force."

Commenting on the Italo-Greek war, "Trud" says: "To oppose the Greek offensive, the Italians have concentrated strong forces in Albania. The original Italian strength has been at least doubled."

"The appearance of the British Navy in the Adriatic, however, seriously menaces and hampers additional Italian reinforcements. The ultimate outcome is still not clear but if the Greeks succeed in entering El Bussan and Valona, it will doubtless spell a major Italian defeat."

MORE STUDENTS FROM SOUTH AMERICA

ITHACA, New York, Dec. 21 (UP).—More students from Latin and South American countries have enrolled at Cornell University during the past five years than ever before, registration figures reveal.

Officials at the central New York university said that increased enrollment may be due to improved cultural relations between the United States and other Western Hemisphere countries.

In the past five years, figures showed, students from south of the border have increased from 20 in 1935 to 60 in 1940. Fourteen Pan-American countries are represented in the record enrollment, in addition to several students from the British and Dutch Indies.

Grandsons of the former presidents of Haiti and Cuba are among the foreign students. Students from Puerto Rico, Argentina, Colombia, Chile, and Brazil are enrolled. China, Canada, the Philippines, Hawaii and the Canal Zone also are represented.

SUPREME COURT VACATION

It is notified that the offices of the Supreme Court will be open daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. during the Christmas Vacation, except on public and general holidays, when the offices will be entirely closed, and on Saturday when they will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. The Christmas Vacation begins on December 24 and terminates on January 1, (both days inclusive).

How to Keep Troops Fit In Tropics

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Dec. 19 (UP).—Army medical officials worrying over problems of keeping American troops healthy if hemisphere defence requires them to fight in Central or South American tropics may find a useful tip in a discovery announced by Dr. C. A. Mills and Dr. J. W. Colvin, of the University of Cincinnati.

The depressing effects of tropical heat can be overcome by doubling the daily intake of vitamin B₁, or thiamin, the Cincinnati doctors discovered in studies with rats.

The laboratory findings will be tested on natives of Panama early next year, it is planned.

"Thiamin protection against the evil effects of excessive heat has further important bearings for temperate zone inhabitants during severe heat waves of summer," the Cincinnati doctors state, "and for industrial workers who are exposed to the severe heat of boiler and furnace rooms or other conditions that render body heat loss very difficult."

"A thiamin intake double that ordinarily considered ample seems likely to offer a large measure of protection against such heat effects, and also to offer a most effective therapeutic adjunct in the treatment of heat exhaustion states."

Protein Foods

"Energetic people going from stimulating climates into tropical warmth would probably suffer less of a physical slump if they fortified their ordinary dietary thiamin-intake with 2-5 milligrams of additional thiamin each day."

"A large part of dietary thiamin is found in the protein foods that are unconsciously avoided in war climates because of their specific dynamic action in increasing body heat production."

R.A.F. PILOT KILLED

MALAYAN-BORN AVIATOR IN CASUALTY LIST

London, Dec. 23.

The Air Ministry casualty list includes Pilot-Officer C. R. Young, killed in action.

He was born in Kuala Lumpur, and his father is living in Pahang, Malay States.—Reuter.

Abyssinians Take Hope From Italian Defeats

("Reuter" in the Sudan)

KHARTOUM, Dec. 22.—The sound of British bombs exploding in Italian encampments and the noise of British guns, have brought new hope to the Abyssinians.

Italy's grip on Abyssinian territory is weakening and revolt is spreading. News of the British victory in the Western Desert has penetrated to the mountain fastnesses of Gofjam, the wilderness of Danakil and to wide expanses of bush with their sparse and scattered population. The news travelled by the mysterious "native telegraph" whereby information flies from village to village in the heart of Africa.

The Royal Air Force's constant and systematic destruction of Italian bases is a clear sign to the restive tribes that Britain's southern army of the Nile is close at hand. Sudan is buzzing with stories of risings across the border.

Will To Fight

KHARTOUM, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—There is great will to fight and meet Germany throughout the Union of South Africa and in Rhodesia, Tanganyika and Kenya.

This tribute to the contribution being made to the Empire war effort by these countries was paid by a Hussar officer who is returning to his armoured car squadron in the Western Desert after an extensive lecture tour in South Africa.

Everybody, he said, is eager to give something either in cash or kind for Britain's war effort.

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Heating Soil To Rid Pests

ITHACA, N.Y., Dec. 21 (UP).—Pasteurization of soils with electricity to rid them of insect pests and weed seeds is applicable to small areas, particularly greenhouse benches, according to Cornell University agricultural experiment station scientists.

Prof. A. G. Newhall reported that soils that have become unproductive are made productive by heating with electricity to disinfect or disinfect them. He said a soil temperature of 150 degrees Fahrenheit was sufficient to insure the death of all important disease organisms and most weed seeds.

Two University of California scientists also are reported to be experimenting with a method of electrical soil pasteurization.

Newhall said danger from over-heating soil is reduced to a minimum by the new low temperature electric pasteurization methods the Cornell scientists have devised.

Bomber Fund Increasing

A total of \$1,506,014.23 was reached on Saturday by the War Fund inaugurated by the S. C. M. Post, Ltd., with the following donations: "A Thank Offering" \$ 20
Mr. K. H. M. (for Bomber Fund) 10
Collected at R.E.O.C.A. Dinner 20
Box of 2nd Bn The Royal Scots 604.87
R. S. F. 10
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Box of 2nd Bn The Royal Scots 10
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Miss C. Corra (in lieu of Christmas Cards) 23
Confidential 3.50
Shrapnel Box 3
"Telegraph" Box 25
Chantrel Restaurant Bomber Box 25
Harbour Office Nickels and Dimes (weekly donation) 325
Three Butcher 100

PROTECTION OF CHILDREN

The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children received the following donations collected during December: Collections for two weeks ended 14-12-40 (already acknowledged) 10
Collections for week ended 21-12-40: Mr. G. Makin, \$100; Mr and Mrs P. S. Cassidy, \$25; Mr C. P. de Martin, \$25; Mr W. Wooding, \$10; Mr S. L. Lo, \$10; Mr C. I. Spitsky, \$10; Police Magistrate, Kowloon (Contribution for "Young Man" 44; In memory of Mr H. P. Morton 100; The Generating Station Staff of the China Light & Power Co. Ltd., \$20. Donations already acknowledged through the South China Morning Post, \$103.

Further donations will be gladly accepted by the Hon. Treasurer, Mr A. McKellar, C.A. c/o Mackinnon Mackenzie & Co., P. & O. Building.

Daring Burglary In Caine Road

A daring burglary occurred in the early hours of yesterday morning when thieves entered the home of Dr. W. S. Wan, Caine Road, and escaped with \$7,050 worth of jewellery. One bracelet alone is worth \$3,000. The other valuables stolen comprised mostly rings.

An outstanding feature of the burglary was that to gain entrance to the bedroom of Dr. Wan, the thieves had to force open the iron bars guarding a window. Dr. Wan heard noises at 2.30 a.m. and he investigated and went to the rear part of the house. In his absence the thieves entered his bedroom and stole the jewellery.

POST OFFICE

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS

On Wednesday, December 25, and Thursday, December 26, the General Post Office and Branch Post Offices will be open as follows: G.P.O. Wednesday, 25. Thursday, 26. Kowloon: 8 to 10 a.m. 8 to 10 a.m. Shuangwan 8 to 9 a.m. 8 to 10 a.m. All other Branch Post Offices and Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes each day as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. on Wednesday and at 11.30 a.m. on Thursday. There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence each day at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Office at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

Java Dec. 23.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Service" by sea from Singapore. Dec. 24.
London and Straits Dec. 24.
Canton Dec. 25.
London and Straits Dec. 25.
U.S.A., Honolulu and Manila (San Francisco date 26th Dec.) Dec. 26.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 26th Dec.) Dec. 26.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 17th December. Dec. 27.
Java and Manila Dec. 28.
Straits Dec. 28.
Canton Dec. 29.
Sandakan Dec. 29.
Calcutta and Straits Dec. 30.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 24th December. Dec. 31.
London and Straits Dec. 31.
Australia and Manila Jan. 3.
Australia and Manila Jan. 4.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mail are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are certified to close after 5 p.m. Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 23

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and United Kingdom via Vancouver B.C. (Parcels for Canada only). No. 10. For 10 a.m. to 12 a.m. Kingdome will be forwarded with or without superscription. G.P.O. and K.P.O. Parcels Dec. 23, Noon
Reg. Dec. 23, 2.15 p.m.
Ord. Dec. 23, 3.00 p.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa.

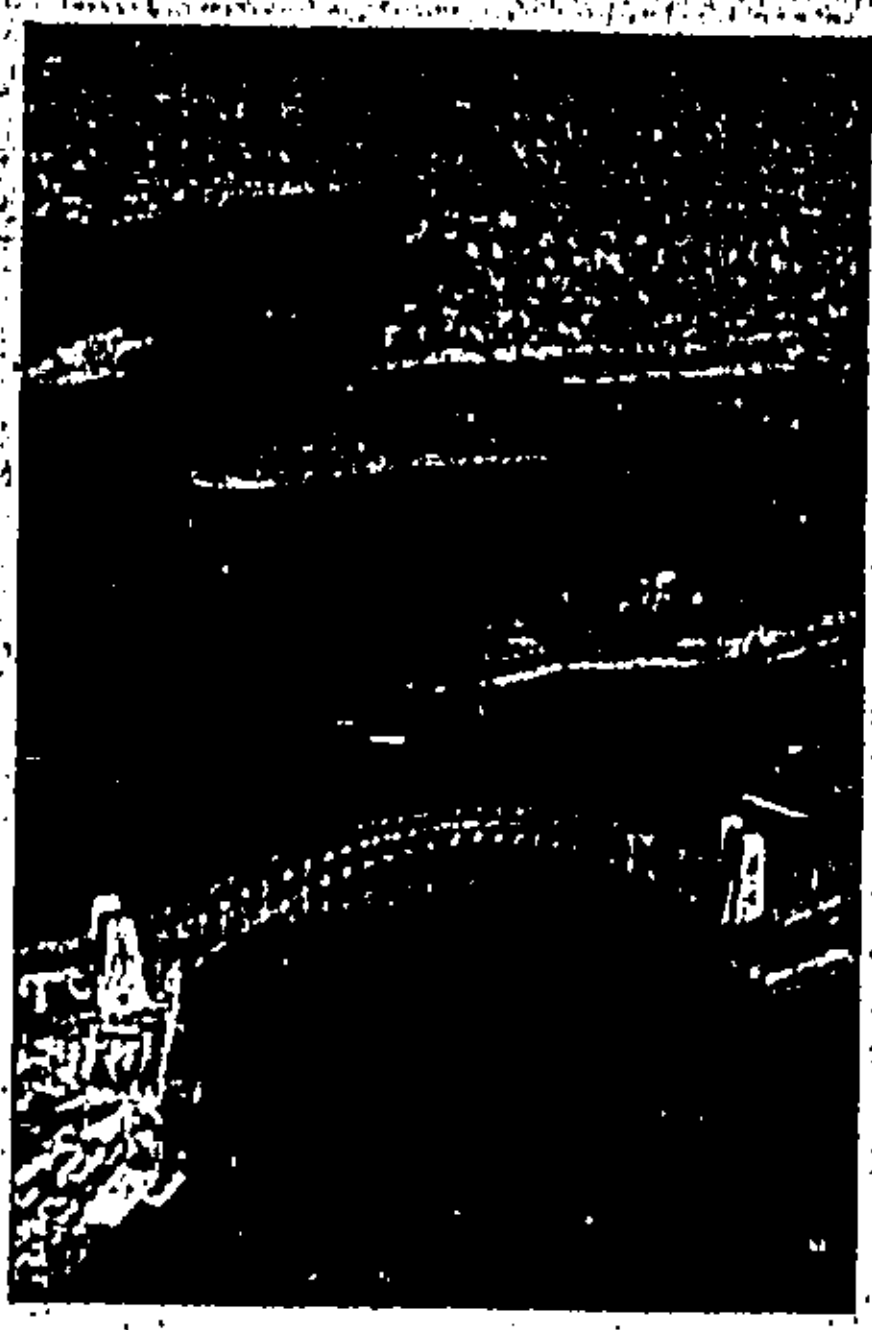
Straits, Rangoon and Calcutta. Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Parcels Dec. 24, 5 p.m.
Letters Dec. 25, 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Dec. 25
Manila, Messner and Sourabaya. 8.30 a.m.

Thursday, Dec. 26

Canton 7.15 a.m.
Air Mail by Sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways".

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees



Sunday

December 16

Key Post Enrolment. The following have been enrolled in the Key-Post Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Messrs V. H. Freeman, F. E. Lawrence, P. B. Allum, B. Dornier, G. F. Jeavons, E. L. Powell and M. Scott.

Mr H. Barrett has been re-assigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key-Post Group, while the following have been permitted to quit:

Mr F. F. Fleth, with effect from December 1; and Mr J. W. Alabaster and Mr W. L. Mansfield, with effect from December 11.

Mr C. A. Owen has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from November 25.

Mr R. D. Gillespie has been appointed a Member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee in place of Mr H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from December 4.

New U.S. Liners Arrive. The first of the seven new liners for the American President Lines round-the-world service, the President Jackson, arrived at Hongkong, today on her maiden voyage from San Francisco.

This first liner will be followed at two month intervals by the other six liners. These smart, modern vessels which are commonly known as the modified C-3 type, have an estimated gross tonnage of 9,300; length over-all, 492 feet; breadth 69½ feet and shaft horse power of 8,500. They have a normal sea speed of 16½ knots.

"Argus" Gems
With Acknowledgments
Sidi Barrani—Seedy Graziani.
American heading, "Grapes Of Wrath In Berlin."

The Greeks have had another dramatic victory. It's all done with mirrors.
Looks as though there'll be few gift calendars this year. But then there'll be so few to date.

Imperial Airways are now known as British Overseas Airways. Offering us a sort of BOA Vista.
In Marshall, Mo. every year letters deluge a 52-year-old plumber and minister. His full name: Santa Claus.

"Italy may have to paddle her own canoe." Or perhaps she would prefer to hoe her own row—anything but stand on her own legs.
The Police are likely to be examining vehicles for defective brakes. So far drivers with defective brains are nobody's business.

A thief got into the Members' Enclosure at the races and tried to pick a pocket. The crudity of his methods alienated all sympathy.

The new vessels will complete the 20,000 mile round-the-world voyage in 95 days. Their route will carry them to Cuba, Panama, California, Hawaii, Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Bombay, Capetown, Port of Spain and back to New York.

The ships have accommodation for 100 passengers and a crew of 124. The spacious cabins are all outside and all unshipped and provided with fresh air by a modern forced draught system. Each cabin has private shower or bath and toilet facilities and is fitted with twin beds and a pullman berth for an additional passenger.

Golf Results. Low scoring featured the December qualifying round of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley during the week-end. Butlin returned a card of 78-12-64 to qualify. Other scores were G. W. Reeve 80-13-67 and J. W. MacDonald 70-7-60.

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling during the past week-end drew 11 entries and was won by G. T. Harrington (2) who ended four to qualify. The first round matches in the G. M. Young Inter-Hong Cup resulted as follows:

Monday

December 16

Death Of Mrs. R. A. Wood. The death occurred at Queen Mary Hospital today after a long illness of Mrs. R. A. Wood, wife of Mechanist Sgt-Major T. R. Wood, of the Royal Army Service Corps.

Aged 40, Mrs. Wood came to Hongkong about three years ago. She leaves two daughters, Rosemary, aged 10, and Sylvia, aged five, who were evacuated to Manila in July but returned because of their mother's ill health.

Crown Land Sales. Three lots of Crown Land were auctioned at the Public Works Department Offices by Mr B. H. C. Holloway, Acting Superintendent of Crown Land and Surveys, today.

One lot was sold at the upset price, but bidding was brisk for two, one of which, Pokfulam 33,000—more than three times the upset price. The purchaser was Mr Yu Ping, of the Szeung Yick Co. Ltd., No. 32, Wing Lok Street.

It is understood that a European style residential building, to cost about \$100,000, will be erected on this site, which has an area of 16,000 square feet and stands opposite the Billd Home in Pokfulam Road. The upset price was \$30,000 and the annual rental is \$172.

New Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2833. at the junction of Un Chu and Cheung Fat Streets, Cheung Sha Wan, comprising 4,000 square feet, was offered for \$2,448 and was sold for \$3,750 to Mr Chau Tsui-ling of the Szeung Yick Co. Ltd.

The annual rental of the land is \$100 and a condition of the sale was that at least \$10,000 should be spent if a factory without residential premises was erected, or not less than residential premises or residential premises only be erected there.

The purchaser said that the site would be used for a rubber shoe factory and will probably have residential premises attached.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 4288. at the junction of Kowloon City Road and Chung Lung Street, Kau Pui Shek, was sold at the upset price of \$884 to Mr John Morcos on behalf of Mrs Constance Bird Fox, No. 60 Nga Tsin Wat Road, Kowloon City.

Mr Morcos said that residential flats would be erected on the lot. A condition of sale was that the purchaser should spend not less than \$4,000 on rateable improvements within the next two years.

Knife Attack on Manager. Attacked 21-13, lost to Bun and Lim 1-6-21.

by three men on the stairway leading to his flat on the third floor of 27, and Lee 12-21, lost to Hon and Chey Kimberley Road, Kowloon, in the early 10-21, lost to Bun and Lim 1-6-21.

Hours of yesterday morning. Mr K. K. Lee, food contractor to the Government, was met at the ferry by his chauffeur. One man had pushed him when he was in his back and is under medical care.

Mr Lee said he returned from Hongkong at 1 a.m. on Sunday and was met at the ferry by his chauffeur. One man had pushed him when he was in his back and is under medical care.

Between the first and second floors they met three well-dressed Chinese, wearing European clothes, coming down. One man had pushed him when he was in his back and is under medical care.

Two men then made as if to attack Mr Lee and he was hit by his coat. He grappled with them and they both fell. The third man then whipped out a knife and stabbed him in the back. Everything happened so quickly that the chauffeur could do little more than rush down the stairs and help Mr Lee.

Mr Lee was unable to give a motive for the deed except to state that he had money on him. He did not recognize the men, but from a fleeting glance of the man who stabbed him he remembers that he had a thin face, was rather tall and wore a dark grey or green suit. All three men had felt their hats pulled down over their faces.

Monday

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Govt. Releases Rice. That a certain amount of rice, forming part of the reserves held by the Government for emergency, has been released by Government for sale locally, was disclosed by Mr G. S. Kennedy-Skipiton, Controller of Food, today.

Mr Kennedy-Skipiton said that the rice which had been released was imported from Indo-China, and was necessary to allow the importers to dispose of it owing to the danger of obsolescence. At the same time it was proposed to use the rice for local places other than Indo-China, where the export of rice had long been stopped.

Importers, added Mr Kennedy-Skipiton, could only dispose of the rice by selling it to the retailers for local consumption, thus keeping the retail prices down, and would replace it within a short period from other sources.

The general market position indicated that within three or four weeks, the import rice prices would fall, he said.

Shopkeepers Fined. Two summonses for profiteering on the sale of rice were heard at the Kowloon Magistrate's Court today by Mr E. Elmsworth, when two women were convicted and fined.

Suen Kuk-yung of the Ka Cheong Rice Shop, No. 21, a shop up until No. 1 grade rice at 18 cents per catty, which is three cents in excess of the price fixed by the Kowloon Magistrate's Court, was fined \$50.

Sergeant J. Galt, prosecuting, said that he visited ten shops on the afternoon of December 12 and found them all selling at the fixed price or below except defendant's shop.

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Evacuation Petition Fails. The Hongkong husbands' petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies pleading for the return of evacuated wives and families has been refused.

The full text of the Secretary of State's reply is as follows: "Please inform Committee that I have received and that I appreciate with all sympathy the disturbance and separation which has been borne by those affected by the evacuation measure. The decision of H.M. Government that a section of women and children in the Colony should be evacuated as a defence measure was taken after most careful consideration of factors concerning defence of Hongkong in the event of serious deterioration in the political situation in the Far East. They appreciate sacrifices involved on the part of families concerned but they had wider and vital British interests than any individual interest to consider. The execution of H.M. Government's decision was necessary in the hands of the local authorities and even if it were true that some individuals were so minded as to fail to submit themselves to H.M. Government's decision in such critical times as these H.M. Government would still be in their responsibilities if they treated such sacrifices as to warrant reversal of policy. Evacuation was confined by the Government to necessary and reasonable limits and they cannot regard allegations of racial discrimination as justified. In the endeavour to relieve the Colony of financial burden of evacuation scheme H.M. Government have accepted cost themselves.

"I realise that their distance from their families is a hardship for them and that they are not only the sacrifices but hourly risks that are being cheerfully accepted day by day by every individual in our civilised society. These are obviously out of all proportion to smaller sacrifices that are continually under review to enable such persons as are put behind any other part of the Empire to accept whatever sacrifices they may be called upon to make for the supreme end in view."

The Husbands' Petition. The petition, despatched to the Secretary of State for the Colonies through the Colonial Secretary, Hongkong, reads as follows: "We, the undersigned, being the duly elected members of the Evacuation Representation Committee of Hongkong, representing over 800 men, wives, children and near relatives obeyed the original Evacuation order issued by the Governor-in-Council, hereby petition that your Excellency may be pleased to send by cable the following petition to the Right Honourable the Secretary of State for the Colonies, as follows: "That the Evacuation Representation Committee hereby petition that the complete evacuation order should be further revised so that evacuees should be permitted to return to the Colony if they so desire for the following reasons: The original evacuation order caused complete dissatisfaction, indignation and unrest. There were many contributory causes, some of the principal being: First, that the requisite steps were not taken to prepare for any emergency evacuation scheme—when using the original scheme was worked out on behalf of the Government in 1939 and the date Power Co. (Kowloon) and S. Simpson may Evacuation Order on June 28, 1940.

Secondly, such evacuation entailed a blundering and unjust racial discrimination amongst British citizens of Hongkong. Thirdly, owing to the manner in which the Government of the Colony operated such order, exemption was granted to many who had no right to it and many justifiably entitled to such exemption were unable to obtain it. This dissatisfaction, indignation and unrest were increased in the minds of the law-abiding citizens of this Colony by the Hongkong Government's subsequent notification appearing in the Press on November 7 and 8; for this new order penalised those who were obedient to the original Order and left and condoned the disobedience of those who ignored the original order and remained.

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YOUNG VALIANTS

MANY have been bearing witness to the astonishing qualities that are being revealed by Britain's young men in this the greatest ordeal of the nation's long history. It is indeed a cause for constant wonderment and thankfulness.

Those elderly Jeremiahs who in the years of troubled peace used to discourse with malign eloquence on the degeneracy of our youth, their lack of interest in the things that matter, their evasion of responsibility, their pursuit of pleasure, their undue devotion to sport—do not these critics now hide their heads in shame? At any rate, their tongues have been stilled, and their consciences, it is hoped, are troubling them.

And what of Britain's totalitarian critics, who many months told the world that the British race was enfeebled, would not accept sacrifices, and had only to be attacked to collapse like a castle of sand? It is not to be expected that shame is now felt in those quarters. But there has been a great awakening. The Nazi and Fascist braggarts, if they ever believed that the British lion had gone into decrepitude, had lost its teeth and claws, are wiser now.

Britain's young men, taken many of them from the most ordinary, prosaic civil callings, have shown courage, resource and sacrifice unsurpassed in the Elizabethan or any other glorious epoch of our island story. The nation that still breeds such men has no need to fear the tyrants' regimented millions.

The young women, too, have shown themselves worthy of their brothers and their sires; and it cannot be doubted that the stoical, indomitable resistance shown by the civil populace in general to all the devilleries of Nazi frightfulness is due, not only to the determination not to bow the knee to Hitler, but also to the constant inspiration of young Britain's daily roll of noble deeds in many places of danger.

The whole empire goes for-



I WONDER what Hitler is thinking these days about Goering?

The Reichsmarschall is beginning to be a very big figure in the Reich. He has far out-distanced Goebbels and Hess and Himmler and all the rest of them. He is certainly the second man in Germany.

Nor does he depend entirely—as the others do—on Hitler's personal favour.

The Fuehrer, if he chose to, could have Goebbels or even Himmler himself shot to-morrow, and not a dog would bark in protest.

But to dismiss or discipline Goering would be a risky business. The Marschal is popular. His jovial brutality is of a type that the average German likes.

THE STRONG MAN

He has carefully and steadily built up that popularity. He has publicised himself. He is still doing so.

That flight over London was a superb bit of personal propaganda.

And he is the only party leader that the army respects.

All this gives him a status of his own, a certain security, a certain independence.

Alone of the Nazi chiefs, he can talk to Hitler as man to man. He can pit his will against the Fuehrer's; and his more robust vehemence often wins.

Hitler must wonder at times whether his Reichsmarschall is not becoming too powerful.

He must wonder what would happen if, one day, the two of them should come really to loggerheads.

Always, since the beginning of the Nazi Movement, Goering has, in his relations with Hitler, played the role of the strong man. Always his advice has been in favour of force, or ruthlessness, of violence.

NOT QUITE

Never was there a greater fallacy than that pathetic belief of British diplomacy—and not only of diplomacy—in the years before the war that Goering was a moderating force in the Nazi councils.

The diplomatists "fell for" Goering. He was difficult, temperamental: either moody and unapproachable, or impossibly voluble.

Ribbentrop was clammy and unpleasant; Goebbels was just a nasty little rat; Himmler was evil and sadistic. And so on.

But Goering, if you forget his record, was just a bluff, cheery personality. His jests might be coarse. But they were jests, and that was a relief in Nazi Germany.

ward with unshakable confidence. The foundations of the nation are as sound as they ever were. It is the human material that counts most of all—and the human material is all right.

WHAT ABOUT GOERING NOW?

By W. N. EWER

He liked good food and good wine. He was good company. He liked sports, gave his guests good shooting.

He was—damme, sir!—an officer and very nearly a gentleman.

HIS RECORD

So they fell for him—and when he told them he was all for peace and reason, they believed him. They forgot his record.

That record showed him, always and at every turn, for force and for brutality.

Hitler always had a yearning for getting his hands on hitting somebody on the head as the most effective form of argument.

That was why he staged the Reichstag fire.

Hitler had intrigued his way to the Chancellorship of the Reich. Goering knew what he wanted—a ruthless dictatorship, a savage terror that would smash down all opposition. Hitler was hesitating, as he always tends to hesitate in crises.

Goering fired the Reichstag, knowing the effect that drama would have on the unstable mind of his leader. He judged rightly.

Hitler gazed at the fire and was persuaded. He declared it a "sign from Heaven."

ALWAYS GOERING

The terror was loosed. It was Goering's terror.

It was Goering who planned the "blood bath" of 1934, persuaded Hitler by false information, that it was necessary for his own safety.

It was Goering who carried out that "purge" in Prussia with fourfold ruthlessness.

Always, and right through, he has been the same. Always the disciple of the smashing blow as the one solution for every problem.

When the wretched Hacha of Czechoslovakia went to Berchtesgaden in March last year, it was Goering who clinched the argument by announcing that he had 800 bombers waiting, all ready to blow Prague to smithereens unless the Czech Premier signed on the dotted line.

It was Goering, too, who assured his leader that the moment he gave the word the Nazi Air Fleet would smash right through the RAF and all our defences and clear the way for an invading army.

IT WENT WRONG

If Brauschitz and Keitel would have men and ships Von Keitel was.

ready, Goering would open the way for them with a swift hammer blow.

He went to the French coast to watch the coming victory.

It did not happen. Goering's stock was in danger of slumping.

But he had a second string to his bow. Let the Fuehrer say the word, and Goering would annihilate London, and so end the war at one blow.

Hitler, as so often when Goering wants a decision, was worked into a fury about the bombing of Berlin munition works—rather as, seven years before, he had been worked into an ecstasy of rage by the sight of the blazing Reichstag.

He gave the order to erase London.

But again the decisive blow just did not happen. Night after night, Goering's planes have been hammering London; but without the least sign of anything like a decisive blow.

The Marshal's friends and publicity agents now hint that his real plan is to batter and batter us night after night until we just get tired of the whole affair.

ANOTHER PATH

But that is not the crushing blow, the swift ending of the war, that he had promised.

He may fool the German people about it. He still holds that great popularity. But I doubt if he has fooled Hitler.

Hitler is off on another path, more to his own liking. He dreams of going East, of going round, of forming new combinations, of striking at the British Empire somewhere on the flank.

That is the characteristic Hitler technique—and it is a dangerous one.

We have to guard ourselves against being Maginot-minded, against thinking that if we can hold this "island fortress" all is well.

We need, with Hitler as opponent, always to look to our flanks.

That however is another matter. Goering, I think, is not high in the Fuehrer's favour at the moment. But he is too strong to be removed or attacked—unless very skilfully and warily by very tortuous and roundabout ways.

It might come. Note that the Reichsmarschall was not at the Brenner meeting, though the Brenner meeting, though

The Mere Man

Hope Never Greater

Much has happened since this time last year, and the intervening twelve months have seen vast changes in our so-called civilised society. These changes, for the most part, have been brought about, either directly or indirectly, by the European war, the prosecution of which has been accompanied by a succession of shattering events whose effects have been felt in every corner of the earth.

Tragedy, suffering, hunger and other forms of distress are rampant over wide areas, and their early abatement cannot reasonably be foreseen. Yet, in taking stock of the general situation to-day, there is cause for gratification, not only because millions more fortunate are still spared the worst, but also in that the flicker of hope burning in many hearts for a better and saner world, which came perilously close to extinguishment, flames more brightly.

Although the time has not arrived for complete assurance, there is, nevertheless, sufficient ground for believing that the forces of evil will be destroyed. The conflagration, followed the collapse of France and the retreat of the British forces from the Continent, have, since the disruption of Hitler's invasion plans and what may be called the defeat of the Nazi air horror, and more recently the success of the Greeks and the British penetration into Lybia, given place to a more cheerful state of mind, more confidence and greater faith in the future.

Men of the fighting services of the British Empire and its allies deserve all our thanks and our every encouragement. Let us remember them at this season—and let us also not forget the civilians, the people, who have shown such admirable courage throughout these unhappy months. From their example, let us derive the same forbearance, the same resolution, the same will to fight and overcome darkness and disaster.

Debits And Credits

And what of Hongkong in these twelve months? We have accomplished a great deal in some directions, but a lot of things that required to be done have not been tackled. I am thinking, above all, of the sorry state of our social services. The war has claimed urgent attention—and as part of the Empire we have only done right in considering what sacrifice we can make for the common cause. We should not be taken as an excuse to cover up our failure to meet our responsibilities to our own citizens. As a result of indifference and inaction, we find to-day in our midst the same, if not greater, misery and distress.

Reading of every report issued by our charitable institutions leads to the same view. And the total inadequacy of measures to remedy the situation is frankly admitted by the Government. Poverty and other ills have only grown with the steady rise in the cost of living, the rate of which has been officially estimated to be 45 per cent. since the outbreak of the European war.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote promised shortly before he departed on leave that a comprehensive scheme for dealing with the problem would be devised. That was the last we heard of it. It is not too much to ask the Government to hurry up; and we should feel we had started the New Year right if we were given some indication that the problem was being actively tackled.

A Strange Christmas

This Christmas is, for many, not going to be like any they have ever known. There may be local citizens who have lost sons, daughters, relatives or friends, in front-line action as well as in bombings, sinkings and other disasters of war. But wives and children evacuated to a far country—that is a sad, new experience of war, and Christmas, the children's festival, the season for family reunion, emphasises it.

But, thinking twice, there was a Christmas long ago which had its parallel with this:

"When they (the wise men) departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.'"

Perhaps those who are here alone, and can only spend Christmas in thought with their dear ones in Australia and other places, may find some little comfort in the knowledge that He who gave us Christmas was Himself once an evacuated child.

We live in sad times, and there is greater sadness than being temporarily parted from one's family. So make the best of it, and stick it, through. There are others whose Christmas is also a lonely one—and perhaps not only just this year!

Whatever your lot, I give you the good, old wish, A Merry Christmas—and may the New Year dawn happily!

—Claudius

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Philbert's very strict with the children, mother—whenever they're naughty, he just ups and leaves!"

GERMAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS TAKE TURN FOR THE WORSE: LATEST NEWS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21.—Relations between the United States and Germany took a sudden turn for the worse to-day as a result of two actions by the Nazi regime.

The German Government demanded that the United States take action against three members of the staff of the United States Embassy in Paris, who, they alleged, had taken part in pro-British activities.

Further, the Foreign Office spokesman in Berlin told members of the foreign press that Germany was watching closely to see how America would answer the recent pronouncement by the British Minister of Shipping, Mr. Ronald Cross, which Germany interpreted as an appeal for America to commit an armed act by appropriating "enemy shipping" in American waters and transferring it to Britain.

Replying to the first point, Mr. Cordell Hull, United States Secretary of State, said in Washington to-day that three members of the Paris Embassy staff would be withdrawn.

A message from Berlin said that a Foreign Office spokesman had observed the support which the United States was giving Britain in her "mortal" struggle, and that it would be of the greatest interest to see how the United States intended to answer the British Minister's request.

"In the long run," added the German spokesman, "it is intolerable for relations between two nations that one side should exercise the utmost reserve, while the contrary attitude is tolerated from the other."

Berlin political circles, he said, considered that the United States had been challenged to commit a warlike action, which could only be described as supporting England.

Cordell Hull's Reply

When Mr. Cordell Hull was asked if he had any comment to make on the Berlin reaction to the Ronald Cross pronouncement and possible United States action, he replied with a blunt, "No."

Observers in Washington believe that nothing that the Berlin Foreign Office may say will have any effect on the Administration policy, which is in process of formation, or when it is decided.

The Administration is giving full consideration to the whole question. Reuter learns in well-informed quarters. A decision may be expected in a few days.

The authorities here are endeavouring to find some law enabling ships to be taken over by the Government. Thereafter, it is believed, they would be handed over to Britain. One law being studied is stated to be the Espionage Act of 1917, under which the President is given wide powers to take possession of foreign property in American territorial waters or in American activities interfere with American policy.

It is understood also that the international and United States law of "eminent domain" gives the lordship of sovereign power over all property in the State, the right of expropriation not being overlooked.

Watching United States

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The German Government spokesman said he was aware of the seriousness of the statement which he made as a "representative of the Foreign Office and a responsible spokesman thereof. We are watching with great interest the attitude of a nation which has shown only restraint and friendliness to Germany, and which has shown a policy of pin pricks, challenges, insults and moral aggression which has reached a point of insupportability."

He said the statement was made in connection with comments on a recent speech by Mr. Cross in the House of Commons which, he said, had concentrated the attention of the Reich Government to the whole question of United States support of England.

The official German news agency said the Paris Embassy employees in question are accused of being involved in action which endangers the security of the Reich. The agency claimed that Mr. Cross had hidden a British secret service agent at the United States Embassy, where the latter continued his espionage and the German Police later arrested him and he confessed.—United Press.

Washington Favours Transfer

Washington, Dec. 21.—A proposal suggesting that the United States acquire and transfer to Britain two German, 27 Italian, 37 Danish and perhaps 28 French steamships, which are now in United States waters, has never been formally presented; however, one high official said the suggestion is being studied and "you can bet that this acquisition and transfer will be made if it can be done legally in the interests of our policy to aid Britain."—United Press.

Will Stiffen America

Washington, Dec. 21.—The criticism by the Nazis against more likely to stiffen the support of official opinion towards Britain than to weaken it, because the United States' attitude towards Britain corresponds with the objectives in Latin America and the Far East.

Tokyo's frequent reminders of her Axis affiliations have caused the United States to regard the Pacific and south-eastern Asia region, where the United States has interests, as largely parallel with those of the British.—United Press.

Paris Embassy Incident

Berlin, Dec. 21.—It is officially stated that the German Government requested the Reich Department in Washington to recall several members of the United States Embassy in Paris.

Presidents' Dance

Cranshaw-Cricket Club will be having their annual President's Dance on Tuesday, December 31, at 9.30 p.m.

On Boxing Day the annual cricket match between the married men and bachelors will take place, starting at 11 a.m. After the game a Tea Dance will be held, commencing at 6 p.m. Members and their friends are cordially invited to attend.

POSTMASTER GENERAL

Mr. Henry A. Mills has been appointed to act as Postmaster General, Hongkong, in addition to his own duties with effect from November 18. Mr. R. A. D. Forrest was Postmaster General until his recent appointment as Immigration Officer.

LORD HALIFAX FOR AMERICA?

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—An official announcement regarding the appointment of Lord Halifax as Ambassador to the United States is expected shortly. It is expected that Mr. Eden, Secretary of War, will succeed Halifax as Foreign Minister, and Mr. Morrison, Chief Government Whip, will succeed Mr. Eden at the War Office.

Pretty Wedding At St John's

Mr Tadema-Wielandt And Miss McLaren

Ivory satin formed the beautiful gown worn by Miss Jean McLaren on Saturday afternoon when she was married to Mr H. J. Tadema-Wielandt, Chancellor of the Netherlands Consulate-General.

THE ceremony took place at St. John's Cathedral, with the Rev. Lieut.-Col. S. Hinchliffe officiating.

The bride, who is the daughter of Sir John McLaren, C.M.G., B.A., and Lady McLaren, of Sydney, Australia, was given away in marriage by Lieut.-Col. F. D. Field M.C., I.A. Her gown was trimmed with sun-ray tucking at the waist, with the same effect repeated in the pleated train. A head-dress of orange blossoms held her tulle veil in place, and white gladioli composed her bouquet.

The bridegroom is the son of the late Mr. J. C. Tadema-Wielandt and Mrs. Tadema-Wielandt of The Hague, Holland. He was attended by Mr. Van Leuven, his best man. The tiny bride-attendants were Irene (who is six) and Frankie (who is four), children of Mr and Mrs D. G. E. Middelburg. Irene wore a shell-pink satin frock cut on Empire lines, and Frankie wore a white dress in the same shade of satin, with black satin trousers. They carried baskets of variegated sweet-peas.

After the ceremony a reception was given by the Consul-General for the Netherlands and his wife, Mr and Mrs D. G. E. Middelburg at their home, 532 The Peak.

When the happy couple left for the honeymoon, which is being spent at Fanling, Mrs. Tadema-Wielandt wore a navy-blue wool dress with matching coat. Her navy-blue felt hat was trimmed with a veil.

Huts Destroyed At Aberdeen

Three huts at Wong Chuk Hang, Aberdeen, were destroyed by fire which broke out shortly after 10 p.m. yesterday. No one was injured but the conflagration has caused several people to become homeless.

At the time the fire began, Stoker P. O. Paul was passing and he and other pedestrians immediately rendered assistance, aiding the occupants of the huts to remove their property and in their attempts to put out the blaze. The huts were gutted within 10 minutes.

It is believed the fire started through a gas leak from a gas cylinder, which was lying on the ground.

The fire was extinguished by the fire engine which arrived within 10 minutes.

China Products Show Opened By Governor

The fourth annual exhibition of China products organised by the Chinese Manufacturers' Union of Hongkong, was opened by His Excellency the Acting Governor at Nathan Road yesterday.

His Excellency was attended by Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C., and was received at the entrance by Mr Ip Lan-chuen, Chairman of the Union, Sir Robert Kewell, Hon. Chairman, Mr S. H. Hau, Mr W. Y. Yuen, Mr L. S. Chan, and other officials.

A Detachment of Boys, Scouts formed a Guard-of-Honour and His Excellency's arrival was signalled by the playing of "God Save The King," followed by the Chinese National Anthem.

Bigger and better than ever before, the exhibition housed 212 stalls representing 150 manufacturers, and His Excellency showed great interest in the number and variety of Chinese manufactures, visiting every stall and making exhaustive inquiries as to the manufacturing process, sources of raw materials and markets.

At a textile stall His Excellency inquired where manufacturers were getting their dyes from now that the German markets were closed to them. The exhibitor said that the dyes were now obtained from America and Britain.

His Excellency's special interest was centred in the China National Tea Corporation's stall where he spent fully 15 minutes making inquiries into the oldest and most im-

TOKYO CABINET CHANGES

More Rightist Influence

TOKYO, Dec. 21 (Domei and Reuter).—After a period of intense political activity last night and this morning, during which time the Premier, Prince Konoye, saw Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, former Premier and former President of the Privy Council, who was appointed Minister without Portfolio on December 6, Marquis Koichi Kido, Lord Keeper of the Privy Seal, Mr Kenju Tomati, Chief Secretary of the Cabinet, as well as several Cabinet Ministers at a special conference, the Prime Minister to-day carried out a re-shuffle of his Cabinet, with the avowed purpose of strengthening it before the next Diet session which opens on December 24.

Baron Kiichiro Hiranuma, Minister without Portfolio, will replace Mr Eiji Yasui as the Home Minister while Lieut.-General Heikichi Yanagawa, Director-General of the China Affairs Board, will become Justice Minister replacing Mr Akira Kazami.

The appointment of Baron Hiranuma as Home Minister is generally regarded as increasing Rightist influence in the Cabinet, which in future will revolve around the "Hiranuma-Konoye Axis."

It is understood that Prince Konoye will ask General Baron Sadao Araki, former Education Minister and former War Minister, to join the Cabinet as the Minister without Portfolio.

Meanwhile, the Government is understood to be carefully considering the selection of a successor of General Heikichi Yanagawa as the Director-General of the China Affairs Board. It is understood that Major-General Tetsuzo Suzuki will act as director pending appointment of a formal director-general.

Lieut.-General Yanagawa, newly-appointed Minister of Justice, is 61 years of age. His name is well remembered among the Japanese people as the Commander-in-Chief of the "mystery Army Corps" which effected the successful surprise landing in Hangchow Bay, south of Shanghai, on November 6, 1937.

After returning home from the China Front, General Yanagawa was appointed Director-General of the China Affairs Board on December 13, 1938, in which post he devoted himself to the political and economic reconstruction of China.

General Yanagawa is also believed to have been instrumental in securing the conclusion of the Sino-Japanese basic treaty, on November 30, this year, at Nanking.

The investiture of Baron Hiranuma and Lieut.-General Yanagawa was personally conducted by the Emperor in the Imperial Palace this afternoon. Prince Konoye attended the ceremonies.—Domei and Reuter.

Reason for Changes

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—The Cabinet re-shuffle is regarded as significant because the retiring Home and Justice Ministers are Prince Konoye's close friends. He is believed to have considered them too weak over the Government's programme for the establishment of the newly-heralded "new national structure."

Much public opposition over domestic problems, particularly over the Administration's increasing wartime control measures, is one of the reasons given for the appointment of Lieut.-Gen. Yanagawa. However, at present the Cabinet does not intend to resign en bloc.

Prince Konoye is apparently of the opinion that the appointment of Baron Hiranuma, who is influential politically and that of Lieut.-Gen. Yanagawa who has Army connections, should bolster the Cabinet against pressure particularly from economic circles.—United Press.

St. John's Cathedral was packed to capacity last night when the Glee Club of the True Light Middle School was featured in a Christmas Carol Service. Dean Wilson said the prayers.

Two hymns were sung in Chinese but the rest of the service and the carols were in English. A soprano duet by Misses Lul Wai-chu and Wong Pak-chun, and a soprano solo by Miss Doo Hon-chun, with flute accompaniment by Mr. Lee Mak-lung, were excellently rendered.

The carols were conducted by Mr Fung Hip-tung. The organist was Mr Au Wai-man and the piano accompanist Miss Chun Kam-wa.

Kowloon Carol Party. St. Andrew's Fellowship Carol Party will be touring Kowloon from 7.15 p.m. onwards to-night, in aid of St. Dunstan's. It is hoped that people will give generously as the need of St. Dunstan's is greater this year than it has been for 20 years.

The party will be under the guidance of Mrs C. M. Bird and Miss W. Robinson.

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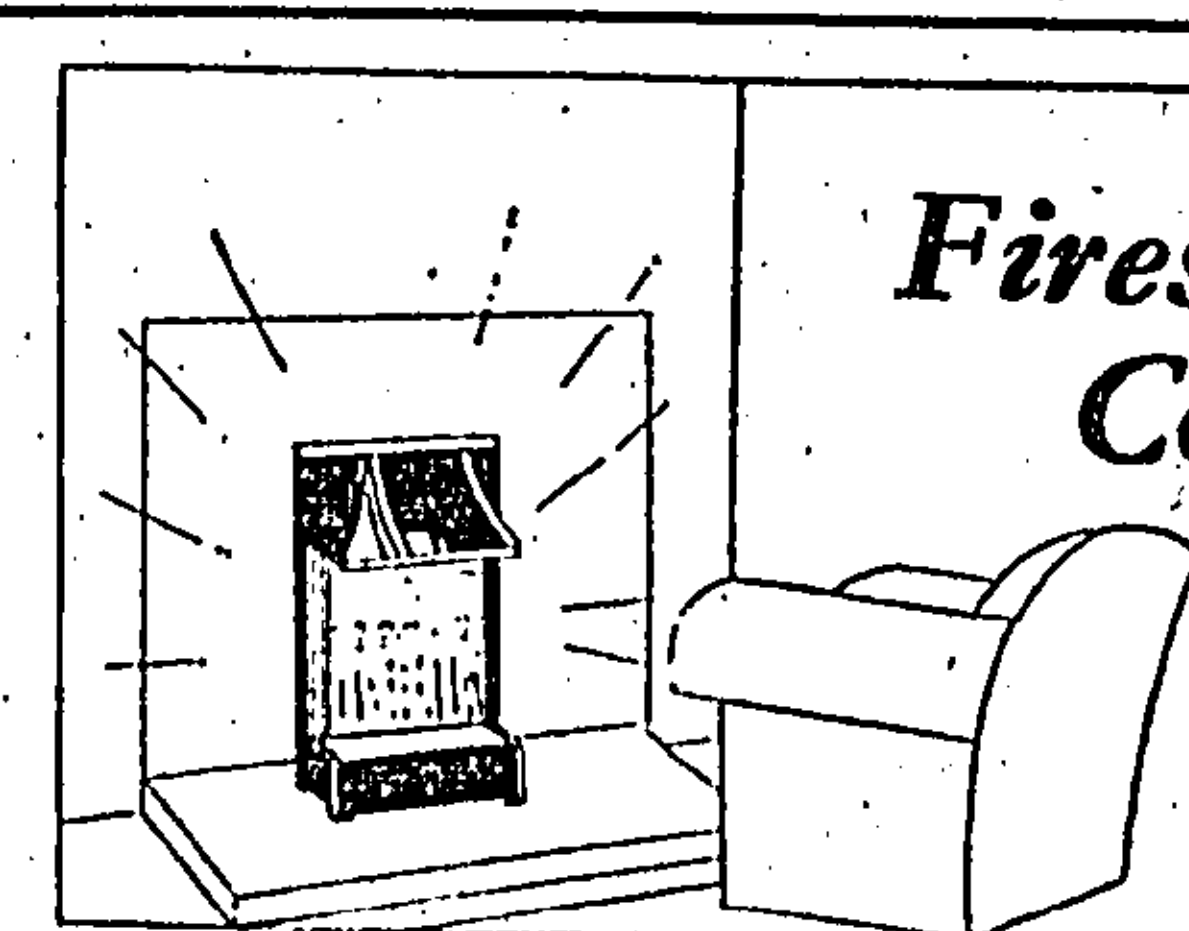
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By Ernie Bushmiller

Police Inquire Into Pamphlets From Italian Internees In Manx

POLICE in the Isle of Man have failed to discover how pamphlets written by Italian internees in the island were smuggled from their camp and delivered by post to hundreds of Manx citizens. The pamphlets, printed by duplicating machine, explained that Italians are not such bad fellows after all, that they have sons or friends in the British Army, that their wives and children are being bombed.

Manx people want to know how this pamphlet came from the aliens' internment camp, who printed it, who obtained a list of their names and addresses, and who posted it to them. The pamphlets were distributed after Mrs H. L. Fletcher, wife of the director of education in the Isle of Man, organised a concert to aid hospital charities.

It was announced when the concert was arranged that several internees well known in European music circles would take part. The announcement coincided with news of the bombing of women and children in London, whereupon Manxmen and their wives protested.

Letters poured into the homes of the promoters of the concert denouncing such a way of raising money for charities.

"How can we applaud these people when we know what they are doing in London?" one letter said. The concert was cancelled.

A few hours later pamphlets written by Italian internees were delivered through the post to hundreds of addresses in the Isle of Man.

The pamphlets said:

Reasons
"The internees who offered their services to the hospitals did so for the following reasons:

"That they have earned their livelihood in Britain for the past 20 or 30 years.

"That they respect the cause of hospitals as being outside all national or political considerations.

"That they are willing and anxious to make a small contribution of their wages to the funds of a

great charitable institution that has succoured their compatriots.

"That our British wives and children are also being bombed by the Germans and are suffering as much as those who are objecting to the concert being held."

One Desire

Mrs Fletcher told a reporter: "Our only desire was to help the hospitals."

Ten per cent. of the proceeds of the concert were to have been devoted to helping the poorer aliens in the internment camp.

The sum used for this purpose was expected to be about £15. Italian internees had spent £20 out of their own pockets on scenery and other expenses.

The concert had been approved by the Camp Commandant, Colonel Eganley. An inquiry into the introduction of the pamphlets into Manx mails began immediately they were received by householders.

Danger Of Neurosis Among War Babies

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, Dec. 21 (UP).—Babies born amid the crashes and bursting shells of war may run the risk of nervous illness even before they come into this world, Dr L. W. Sontag, director of the Samuel S. Fels Research Institute, Antioch College, indicated to the Society for Research in Child Development meeting at Harvard Medical School here.

A frightened mother who must give birth to her baby among the unusual noises of bombardment and anti-aircraft fire may find that the infant is affected by this unfortunate environment. If the disturbed conditions continue for a long period just before birth, the baby may actually suffer from a neurosis both before and after birth.

He will be restless and overactive. He may have feeding difficulties and heart spasms. He will probably be thin.



ATHENS TO-DAY—One of the loveliest cities of the Old World. Athens is the centre of Greek resistance to Italian designs. Above is a view of the city, with the Acropolis hill above it. The Acropolis is famous for its architectural and sculptural beauties.

Flying Still Man's Game

Says Famous Aviatix

ALBANY, NEW YORK, Dec. 21

(UP).—Flying is still a man's game because the average woman pilot takes to aviation with the idea it will be a "novel lark," according to Laura Ingalls, famous aviatix.

"In reality it's a deadly serious business," she said on a stop here during a 3,000 mile transcontinental flight. "Women must win the respect of male pilots before they can play an important role in American aviation."

The American woman's temperament is totally unsuited to combat flying in wartime although she might render valuable service as a pilot of ambulance or photographic planes, Miss Ingalls believes.

"The trouble is, the average instructor doesn't give a hoot about

NEW C.I.D. HOURS

A plan for staggered hours has been adopted by sections of the C.I.D. at Scotland Yard. If it is a success it may be extended throughout the department.

Officers on special duty and a large force of reserves will in future remain on duty for 10 hours and will be off duty for 32. The arrangement has been agreed to by the officers. Normally they would be entitled to a special allowance after eight hours' duty.

making a woman a thoroughly competent pilot," she added.

Miss Ingalls established the transcontinental east-west and west-east records for women flyers in 1935, and is the only American aviatix to make a successful flight over the treacherous Andes mountains of Peru.

Crossword Puzzle

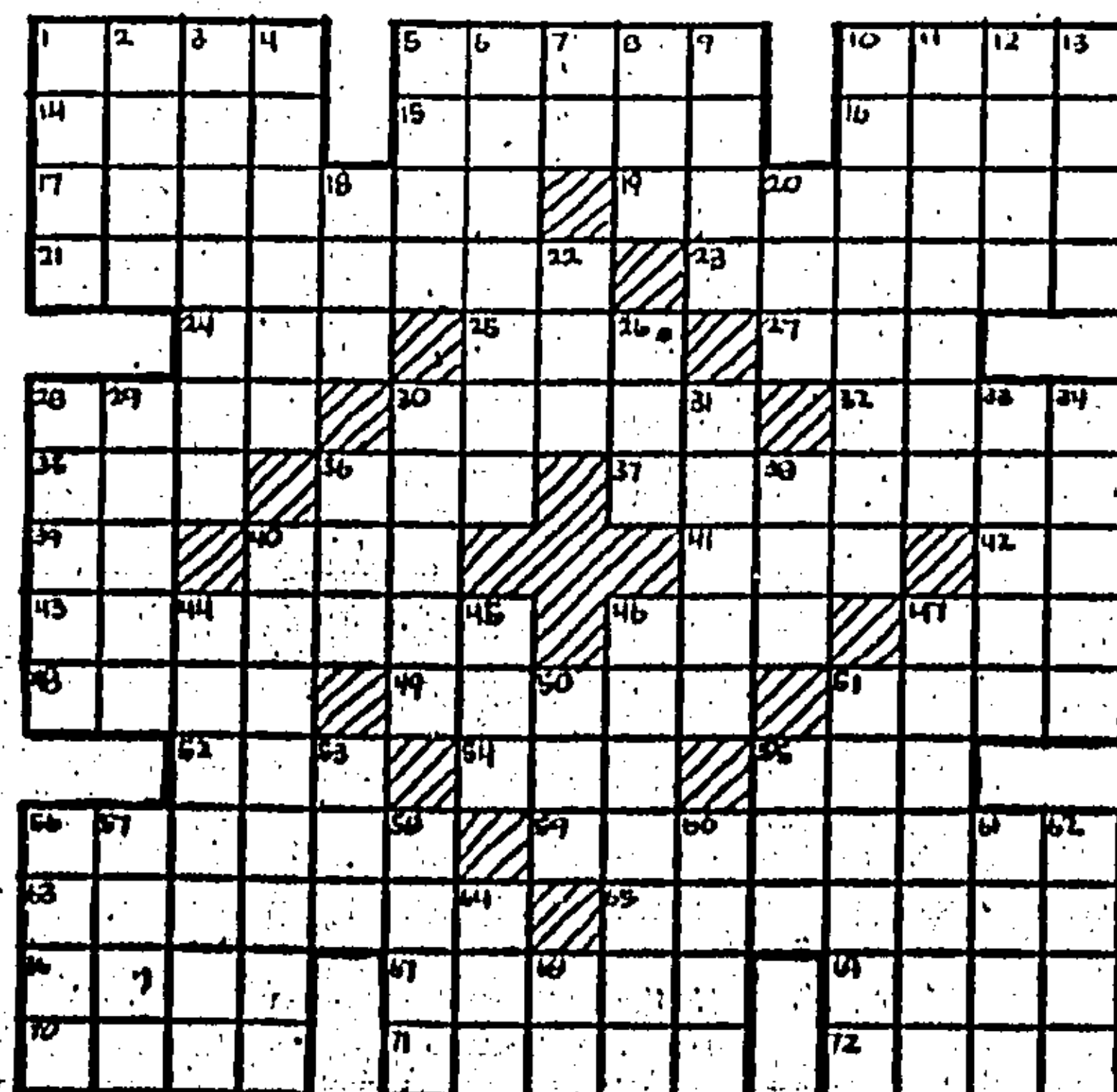
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Conceded fact
- 2—Transmits, through post
- 10—Too bad!
- 14—Sign of impending happening
- 15—Item of property
- 16—Hearts of Philippians
- 17—Instructions
- 18—Director
- 21—Twisted together
- 22—Wristband
- 24—Long fish
- 25—At present time
- 27—Definite article
- 28—Purr, as cat (Scottish)
- 30—Place
- 32—Land surrounded by water
- 33—Donkey
- 36—Abstract conception of being
- 37—Maker dead
- 38—Ancient Egyptian deity
- 40—Metric measure of area
- 41—Common breakfast food
- 42—Like
- 43—Nauseous
- 46—Feat of consciousness
- 47—Treaded
- 48—Flat, narrow strip
- 49—Part of house
- 50—Father
- 52—Unit of decimal system
- 54—Female sheep
- 55—Total
- 56—Conjecture
- 58—Baiting for reputation of

DOWN

- 1—Dispense in small quantities
- 3—Expression of hearty assent
- 7—Examiners
- 8—Henry
- 9—German author in exile
- 11—Those who put on barrel heads
- 13—One who craves
- 14—Associate
- 15—Used purpose
- 16—Willier
- 19—Know vehicle
- 20—Slope of hill
- 21—Ancient city in Asia Minor
- 23—Expresses agreement
- 24—Lemon
- 25—Center of solar system
- 26—Making ashamed
- 27—Most pathetic
- 28—Strong brews
- 29—Kind of
- 30—Lubricating fluid
- 31—Scare
- 32—Female deer
- 33—Humorous fellow
- 34—Believing
- 35—American educator (died 1939)
- 36—Customary
- 38—Make contemptuous expression
- 39—Bediment of liquids
- 40—Defeated coal miner
- 41—Drove away
- 42—Prefix: very much
- 43—In the dusk
- 44—Waited upon
- 45—Dainty beyond natural desires
- 46—Mottled streak in malocology
- 47—Altered for sake of improvement
- 48—One who sets bounds to
- 49—Are under obligation
- 50—Most certain
- 51—Horn
- 52—The sun
- 53—Unit of electrical resistance
- 54—Sound of bell
- 55—Tow
- 56—Yield
- 57—Roman emperor
- 58—Dull color
- 59—Title of respect
- 60—Mother



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High French Officials In Detention

A DESCRIPTION of the "life of members of the former French Government now detained in Chateau Chazeron," was recently given by the official German news agency.

Chazeron Castle, says the agency, is a fortress dating from the Middle Ages. It is surrounded by a deep moat.

The four men detained there, MM. Daladier, Reynaud, Mandel and General Gamelin, are in separate quarters. They are allowed out in the grounds, but at different times.

They must share their meals with the warders and must pay for them out of their own pockets.

"They spend part of the day preparing for their defence at Riom. They talk politics with their warders, who are cautioned to be friendly but reserved."

Threatens Revelations

"According to reports," continues the agency, "M. Reynaud is the most depressed. M. Daladier is very talkative. He threatens sensational revelations at the trial."

"Both Daladier and Reynaud ride bicycles in the park."

"Gamelin is said to be the quietest. Besides preparing for his defence, he is engaged in writing a book on military science. In talks with his warders he is not in any way responsible for the turn of events and that he was betrayed by his generals."

M. Mandel, former Minister of the Interior, is described as the "enfant terrible."

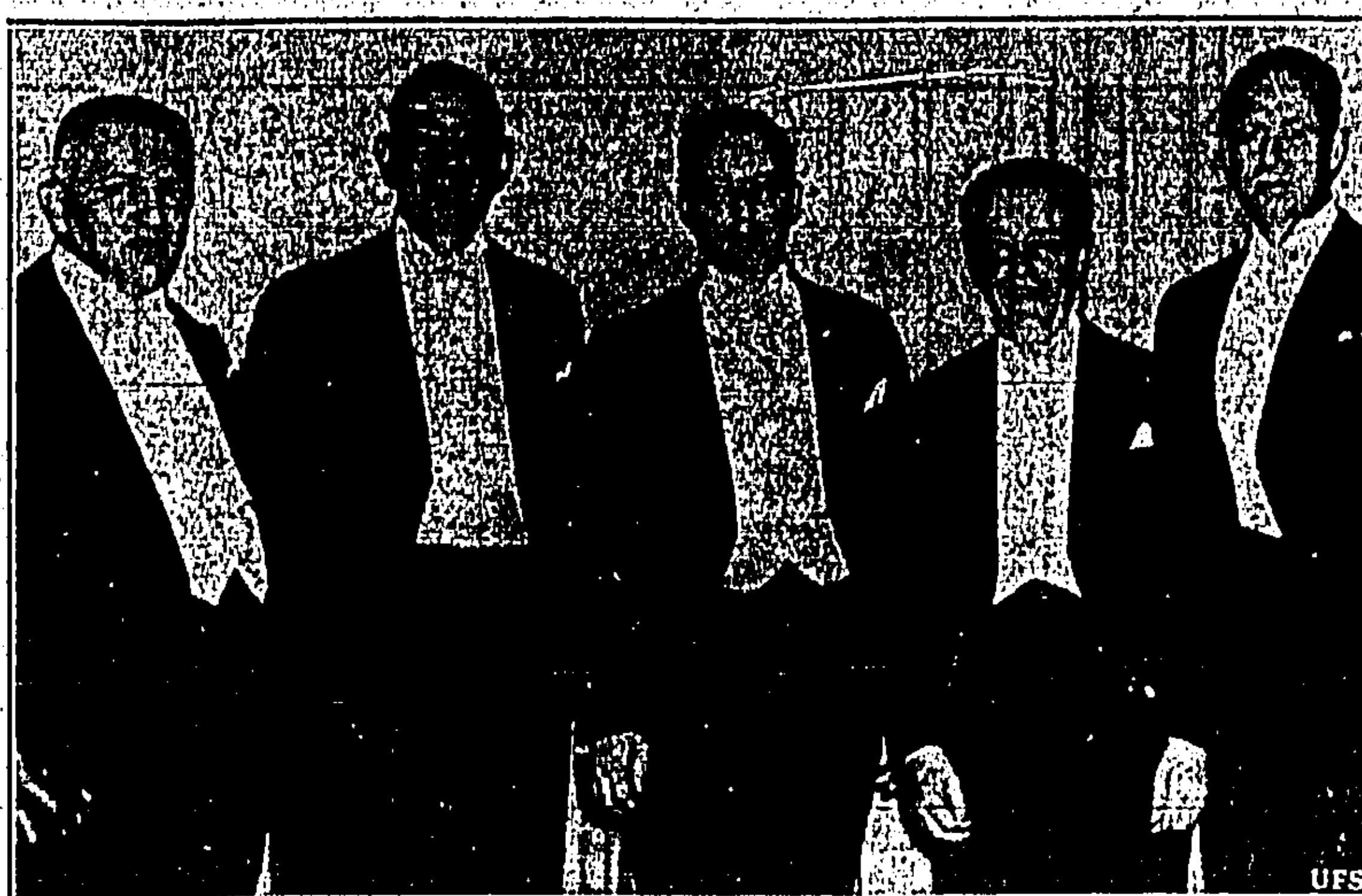
"He criticises his food and complains of cold. He has already ordered three dentists to attend to him."

Germans Have Wool Talks With Finns

Representatives from the official German Sheep Farming Association are visiting Finland to investigate the possibility of developing local sheep farming and the export of wool to Germany.

The Reich claims that Europe's woolen industry must be self-supporting.

The Germans promise to absorb "entire Finnish wool surplus."



NEWSMEN HONORED—For fostering cooperation among Americas, Columbia University awarded Maria Moors Cabot prizes to newsmen above. From left: Rafael H. Valle, Mexico City; Agustin Edwards, Chile; Dean Carl W. Ackerman, Columbia; Enrique Santos, Colombia; and James Irvin Miller, Buenos Aires, vice president, United Press in South America.

Drowned During Heart Attack

Death from drowning by falling into a stream after a heart attack was recorded at the Swansea Inquest on Sir Harold Carpenter, the distinguished metallurgist, who was found lying face downwards in a small stream in Clyne Valley, Swansea.

Dr. Vyvyan Davies, in evidence, said that Sir Harold's heart was in such a condition that he might have died at any moment. He thought Sir Harold had had either a fainting fit or a heart attack.

Lady Carpenter said that Clyne Valley was a favourite walk of her husband's.

Historic Monastery Damaged By Fire

Fire has damaged the Cistercian Monastery on Caldy Island, opposite Tenby, South Wales.

The Abbey was built by a community of Anglican monks and afterwards passed into the possession of the Roman Catholic Church. For a number of years it has been occupied by French Cistercian monks.

Nazis Lose Plans For New Berlin

Hitler—if he ever gets the chance—will have to begin all over again with many of his plans for the reconstruction of Berlin and provincial areas.

For in the destruction, as the result of a recent big raid by the R.A.F. of the Academy of Arts building in the Prater Platz, Berlin, there perished also the greater part of the models and plans for the Nazi rebuilding scheme.

They were in the office of Professor Speer, general inspector of Reich constructions. The office was completely ruined.

Chancery Court Demolished

One Chancery Court was demolished when a high explosive bomb crashed into the west wall of the main Law Courts building during recent air raids.

The Lord Chancellor's Court on one side and another Chancery Court on the other were extensively damaged. Windows in all courts in the West Gallery on the first floor were smashed.

The bomb appeared to have broken through to the ground floor, where the blast shattered some of the valuable stained glass windows in the great hall.

The west window of Westminster Abbey has been slightly damaged, a few small squares being broken.

Prayers As Bombed Boy Is Rescued

As twelve-year-old Ronnie Eldridge was rescued from the ruins of his bombed home in East London recently, a dean, wearing an Army chaplain's uniform, recited the Lord's Prayer, bystanders joining in.

Rescue parties had worked for three hours to release Ronnie, as guns roared and a raider hovered overhead.

Though injured, Ronnie smiled gamely as he was laid on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

The bomb which scored a direct hit on his home killed his mother and a lodger, Miss Vincent, and two other people in an adjoining house, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

BRITAIN AND U. S. TIN SMELTERS

Revealing that the United States government has undertaken to give Great Britain a call of one-third of the production of the new tin smelter which is to be erected in America, it required, "The Financial Times" asserts that there is no possibility of ultimate conflict after the war between British and American smelting companies.

It has been stated previously that the British Smelting interests are interested financially in the erection of a smelter in America.

Messerschmitts For Sale

TWO Messerschmitt fighters, in perfect condition, are being offered for sale in America by the British Ministry of Aircraft Production.

They are a Messerschmitt 109 and a Messerschmitt 110. The offer was recorded in the American newspapers recently.

The Ministry is asking 125,000 dollars (£31,250) for each of them, cash down—although, in the event of competition between prospective buyers, the planes will go to the highest bidders.

The Ministry has guaranteed delivery of the machines in New York. The money from the sale of the machines, a spokesman of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production explained, would be used to build more British fighters—which would, in turn, bring in more German prizes for sale.

TOWER MAJOR Gets Pay Back

Major A. D. Wintle, M.C., of the 1st Royal Dragoons, the Officer in the Tower, who was court-martialled on August 27 after being detained since June 22, was recently notified that his pay had been restored.

It was not until his court-martial that Major Wintle learned his Army pay had been stopped during the time he was a prisoner in the Tower.

There were three charges made at the court-martial, but on only one, a civil offence alleging that he assaulted Air Commodore Boyle, was the major found guilty. The court ordered him to be severely reprimanded.

Before sentence was promulgated, Major Wintle was ordered to report to a depot for service overseas.

Just Missed Goebbels

A 15-pound incendiary bomb fell ten feet from Dr. Goebbels' house during the R.A.F. raid on Berlin recently.

It tore a deep crater in the garden, spoiling a bed of rose bushes—so the German official news agency reported.

The report does not mention where Dr. Goebbels was at the time. It was known that all the Nazi leaders have deep underground shelters. Berlin also alleges that the Reichstag was bombed.

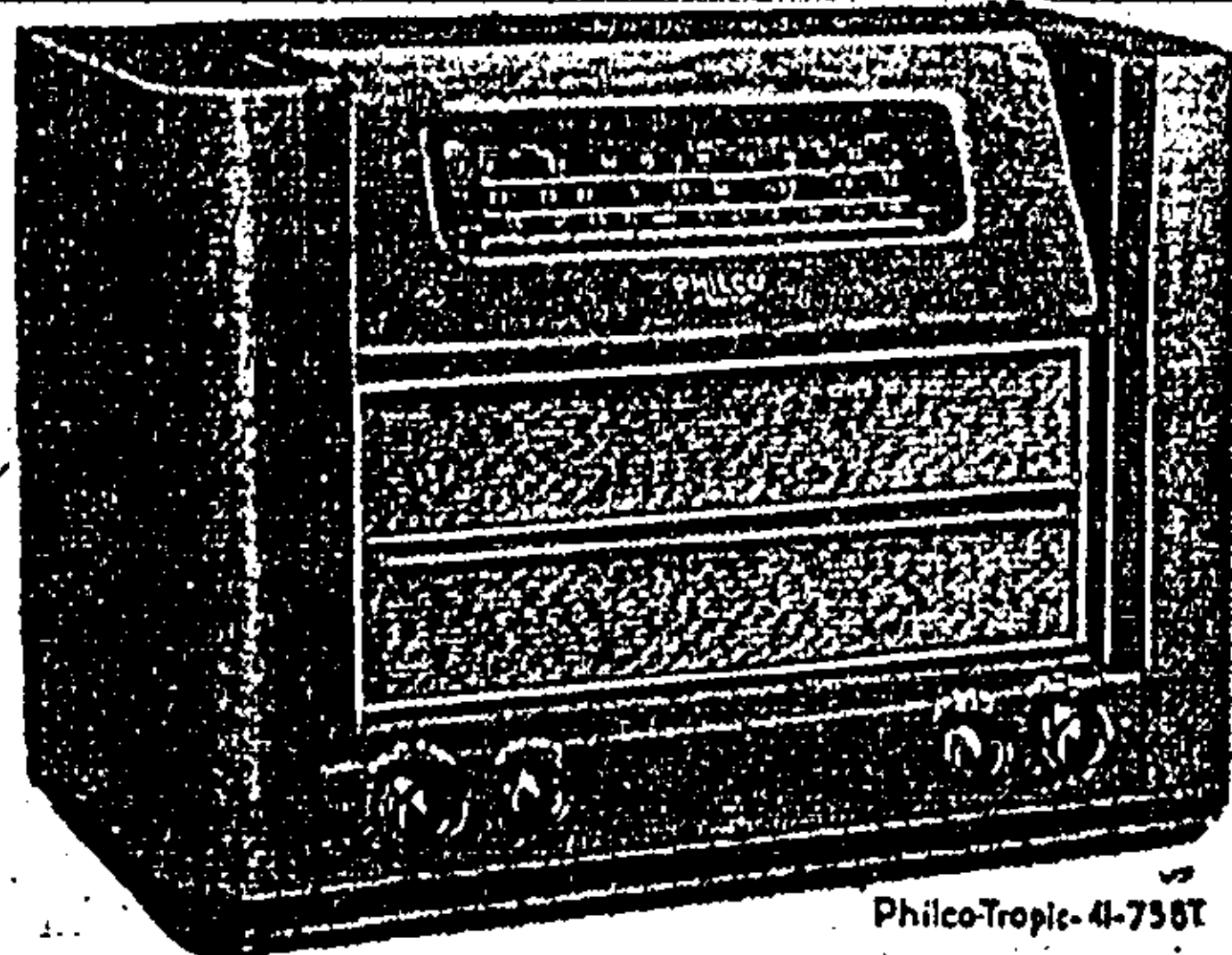
The fury of Goebbels is intense. One Nazi spokesman said:—

"I wouldn't give a farthing for the Houses of Parliament. Now that our Reichstag has been bombed there is no reason why we should not bomb the British Parliament out of existence."

Professor Killed By "Enemy Action"

The death of Professor William Waddington Cooke, seventy-two-year-old professor of music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, was announced recently. His house in a London suburb received a direct hit several days ago, and the death announcement stated: "Previously reported missing, now declared to have been killed as a result of enemy action."

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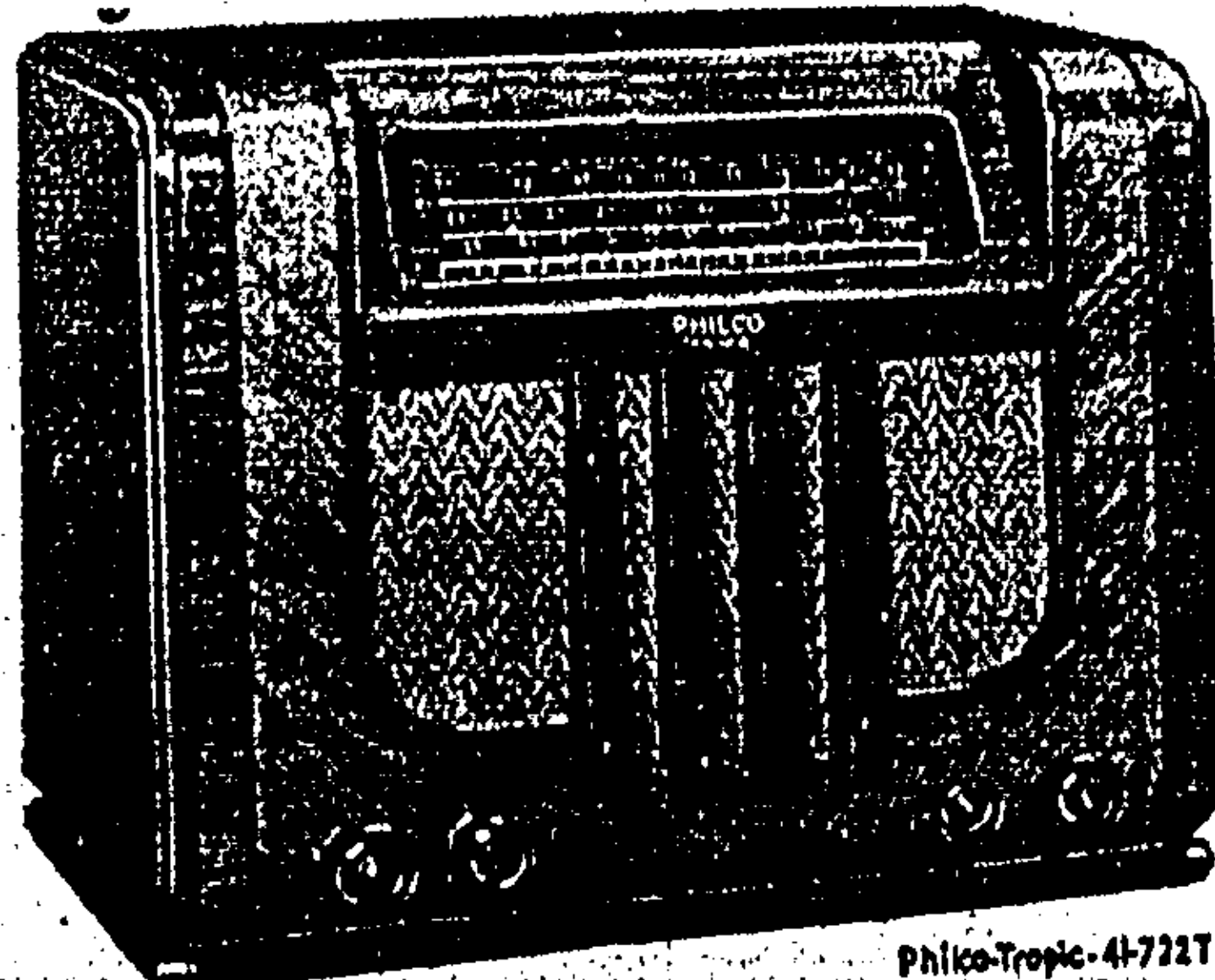
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Girls Escape From Nazi Prison Camp

AFTER escaping from a German prison camp by a secret route, Miss Bessie Myers, young daughter of a London stockbroker, and her friend, Miss Mary Derby, also of London, have reached home safely.

"We got here by luck and good management," Miss Myers said in London.

But she would not disclose how they got away or where they had come from.

"That must remain an official secret," she said.

The girls were led into a trap by a Fifth Columnist and captured by a German mechanised column while driving ambulances in France.

Driver's Trick

With three other drivers—Miss Marjorie Jute, South African authoress and airwoman, Miss Penelope Otto, of King's Sutton, Oxfordshire, and Miss Ursula Bennett, whose home was in Paris—they were serving with the Sixth French Army.

One June 14, while driving ambulances loaded with equipment, they took the road the refugees were using.

A Dutch ambulance driver told them the road was blocked with refugees and suggested that they should take a left-hand fork.

A few miles farther on they drove into a German column of tanks and machine guns. The Dutch driver told the Germans the girls were English and he was treated like a hero.

The Germans took the ambulances with them, but during a halt the girls had a quick discussion, and when the column started to move again three of them turned and accelerated in the opposite direction.

"A Handful"

They got away, but Miss Myers and Miss Derby were not so lucky. It was impossible for them to follow.

For weeks they were held prisoner. Then Miss Myers' father heard that they were in the care of the French military authorities at Vichy.

"After that I didn't worry," Mr. Myers said. "I reckon the Germans found Bessie too much of a handful."

"Nothing would daunt her once she had decided on a plan of escape."



IN HOLY LAND—Australian soldiers find new scenes and new faces. Here they fraternize with Greek orthodox priests in Gaza district of Palestine.

THURSDAY'S BRIDE IS FRIDAY'S PRISONER

HELEN WILLIAMS, aged twenty-six, of Kennington Park-road, S.E., was married on a Thursday. The next day, her first day as Mrs. Hoy, wife of Michael Hoy, she was sent to prison for three months.

Her husband appealed to Mr. Boyd, the Marlborough-street magistrate, to give her "just one last chance."

"I will take her out of all bad company," he said. "I have a good job and can allow her £5 a week. I love her very much and I will take her right away and take all responsibility."

"She has promised never to do any thing like this again."

But Mr. Boyd said he was extremely sorry—it was impossible for him to yield to the appeal.

This was not the first time Helen Williams had been convicted of shoplifting. It was the fourth.

LUXURIES TAXED In Yugoslavia

A special tax of from 5 to 25 per cent, to provide food this winter for the poorer classes has been imposed in Yugoslavia on incomes of more than £400. Special food taxes have also been introduced in luxury establishments and on refreshments served after 10 p.m.

Many prosecutions for hoarding are taking place.

A decree instructing teachers in the Belgrade area to refuse to accept school fees from Jewish parents, which was regarded as balloon desal, has been withdrawn owing to public disapproval.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO NAVY

The Italian war effort is belittled in the weekly article entitled "In the News," which is universally attributed to Mr. W. R. Hearst, appearing in the "New York Journal American."

"Italy threatened to conquer Egypt, but that is an empty threat," says the article. "Within the past week England's great Navy drove the Italian fleet to take refuge in flight in the Dodecanese Archipelago, and when the Mediterranean had been swept clear of Italian warships the English Navy safely conducted a mighty convoy laden with soldiers from the Dominions to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal. It will be a difficult task for Italy to capture the Canal now."

The article adds that the Italian Air Force has proved ineffective against formidable sea power.

American Squadron With R.A.F.

The first American squadron of the R.A.F. is being formed. Its pilots will all be airman volunteers from the U.S., and the name of this fighter unit is the Eagle Squadron.

The Air Minister (Sir Archibald Sinclair) said that the Eagle Squadron will soon take its place in the fighting line.

Ground staff will be supplied by the R.A.F., but qualifications to be a pilot are American citizenship and a minimum of 250 hours' flying experience.

Thirty-five American pilots are training. Some were serving in the French forces when France collapsed. They escaped to Britain.

Commissioned

Each man accepted is given a commission in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve. He takes no special oath of allegiance and his service with a foreign force is permitted by the U.S. Government. On his R.A.F. uniform is a spread eagle badge surmounted by the letters "E.S."

In command is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, one-time pilot in the U.S. Naval Air Service who went to Britain last year and was granted a commission in the Fleet Air Arm.

Behind the administration, and formation of future units, is Colonel Charles Sweeney, now ranked as Group Captain.

He was one of the organisers of the American volunteers who joined the French Army in 1914 and later he formed the famous Escadrille Lafayette.

Norway Ministers' Property Seized

All property in Norway belonging to members of the exiled Norwegian Government and to Dr. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, has been confiscated, according to messages received in Stockholm from Oslo.

Norwegian announcers taking part in the B.B.C.'s Norwegian broadcasts are to be warned that unless they cease they will be deprived of their property and their Norwegian citizenship.



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BRIDE'S APPEAL For Young Husband

A young smartly dressed woman unsuccessfully appealed for bail for her husband at Cambridge recently. They had been married for only

three days. "He will be a better boy now he's married," she said.

Cecil Donald Smith, aged twenty-one, described as a gardener of Wimpole, Cambs, was remanded in custody charged with stealing two chairs, a feather bed and a pair of curtains from a vacant house.

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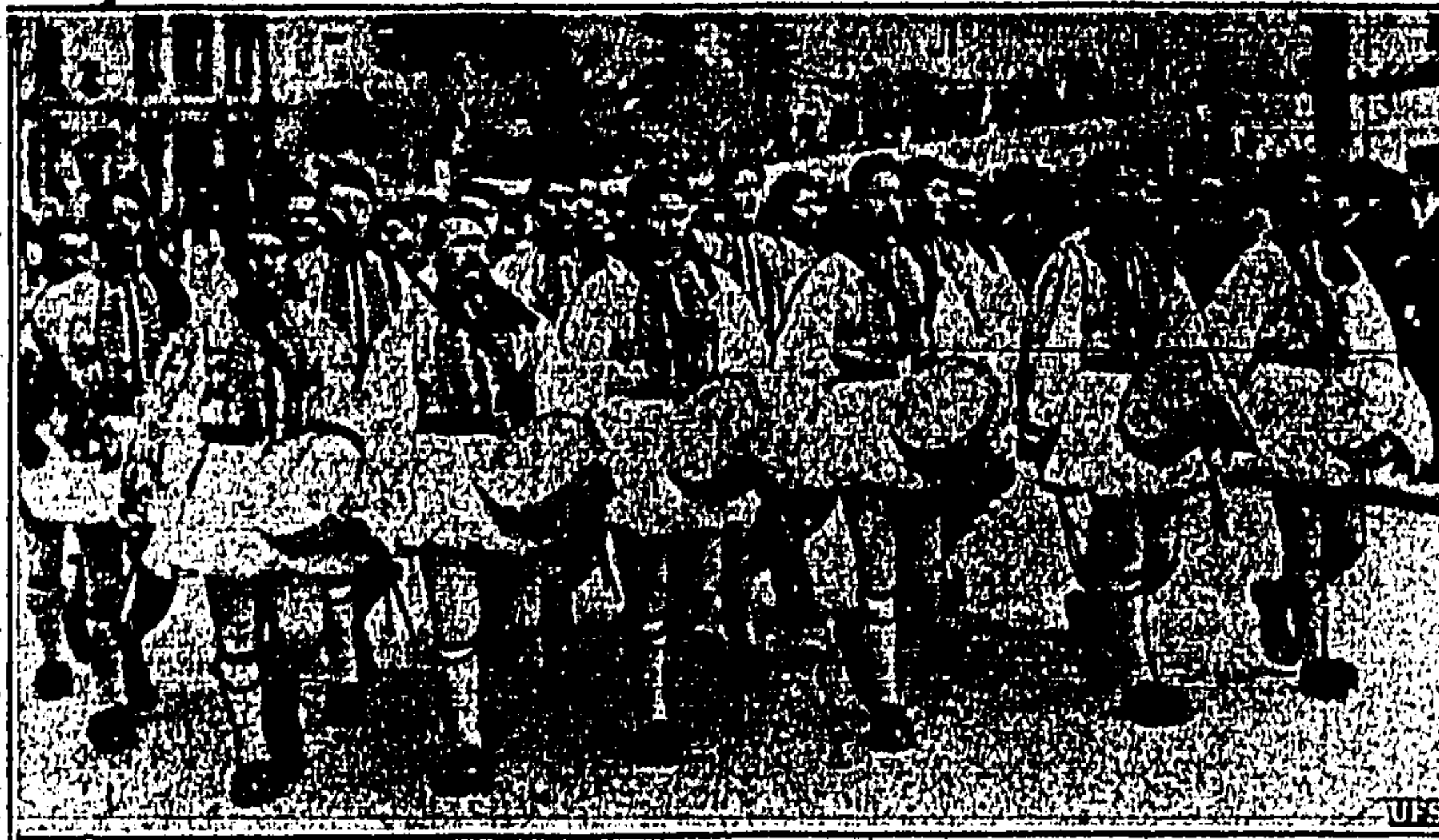


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IN VIOLENT FIGHTING—The famous Evso between the Italians and the Greeks on dising part in some of the most violent fighting of Greece, crack mountain troops, are captured borders. They're shown above in their "ballot skirt" uniforms, as guards of the palace in Athens.

AIDS TO BATTLE

Contributions Flow In

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Further gifts for planes and for air-raid distress were announced to-day. A sum of £1,000 has been received from Chinese members and friends of the Sino-British Cultural Association for air-raid relief and a further sum of £162 has been received from Kenya for the purchase of three mobile canteens, one for London, one for Liverpool and the third for anywhere in the United Kingdom.

The East India Fund has sent a further gift of £20,000 for the purchase of supplies, making the total contributions so far £350,000. The same fund has sent £1,000 to the King George's Fund for sailors.

The Punjab University is putting its entire resources for war purposes at the disposal of the British Government and is also asking for increased facilities for military training for members of the University.

The workshops of the India Railways are turning out large quantities of essential supplies and are arranging to train nearly 2,000 men under the Government of India Scheme stop.

Prince Bernhard of the Netherlands has sent Mr. Winston Churchill a cheque for £5,000, completing the gift of £50,000 for fighter aircraft sent by the Netherlands East Indies on the occasion of Mr. Churchill's recent birthday.

NOVEL STYLE OF ENTERTAINMENT

A novel form of entertainment "Funity" to raise funds for the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, will include many items and a few surprises.

The show is being produced by David Kossiek supported by a strong cast of artists many of whom were with him in "Vaudeville." Several dance numbers are being arranged by Nellie Field and Freddy Archer is in charge of the vocal items.

"Funity" will be given at the China Fleet Club Theatre on Friday, January 3, at 9.15 p.m. Bookings can be made at Anderson's Music Store.

Yunnan Towns Bombed

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—KUNMING, Dec. 22 (UP).—Twelve Japanese bombers heavily bombed Kunming in Yunnan to-day, but it is impossible at present to ascertain the damage.

Eight other Japanese planes bombed the railway town of Tsutsen which is near Mengtse.

ANOTHER GREEK BREAK-THROUGH

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and remain in an extremely advantageous position all along the front.

From Strangia comes a report that the Greeks captured three villages in three different sectors this morning. In the coastal sector early this morning they captured the village of Rojuna, five miles north-east of Vranitsa after a hard fight.

In the Tomorica River section at 5 a.m. the Greeks captured the village of Romas, a mile and a half to the west of the Tomorica River, in the Tomorica Mountains and about 20 metres due east of Berat. In the Gramsi sector, they have occupied the village of Yervoli.

Enemy Pursued From the Klisura sector, it is reported that the Greeks continued to pursue the Italians retreating along the Desnica River valley in the direction of the village of Bubes, 12 miles to the north.

In the Tepelini sector, the Greeks are reported to have advanced more than a mile in the Griba Mountains after defeating the Italians near the village of Dorza, while in the Osum River sector, they are reported to be approaching the village of Gostanjan, six miles to the west of Viera.

Army Win Annual Yacht Race By One Point

The annual race between the Army and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club took place yesterday. Results.

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Capt. A. O. G. Mills, Capt. A. J. Le, 4
C. C. Blake, J. L. Anderson, 17
Total 38

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REFUGEE CHILDREN

Fund For Provision Of 20 Homes

A plan to raise HK\$400,000 for the establishment of 20 homes for the care and education of 10,000 refugee children has been drawn up by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, sponsored by Bishop R. O. Hall and several other prominent local citizens.

The money it is understood, will be raised in different places. The quotas are Hongkong, \$50,000, Macao, \$25,000, Shanghai, Philippines, Halphong, Kwangchowwan, Saigon, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Java, \$75,000, Australia and New Zealand, \$75,000, the United States, \$100,000, Canada, \$50,000 and Hawaii, \$25,000.

One home for refugee children has already been established in Wuchow, east Kwangsi.

A number of prominent local residents are among the advisers, sponsors and members of the Association, including Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, the Hon. Sir Shousen Chow, the Hon. Sir Robert Kutehall, Mr. Yeh Kung-chao, Dr. Chung Ying-iewang, Professor Hsu Ti-shan, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. O. K. Yui, Mr. E. H. Lockwood, and Dr. Irene Ho Tung—Central News.

FIGHT AT CABARET

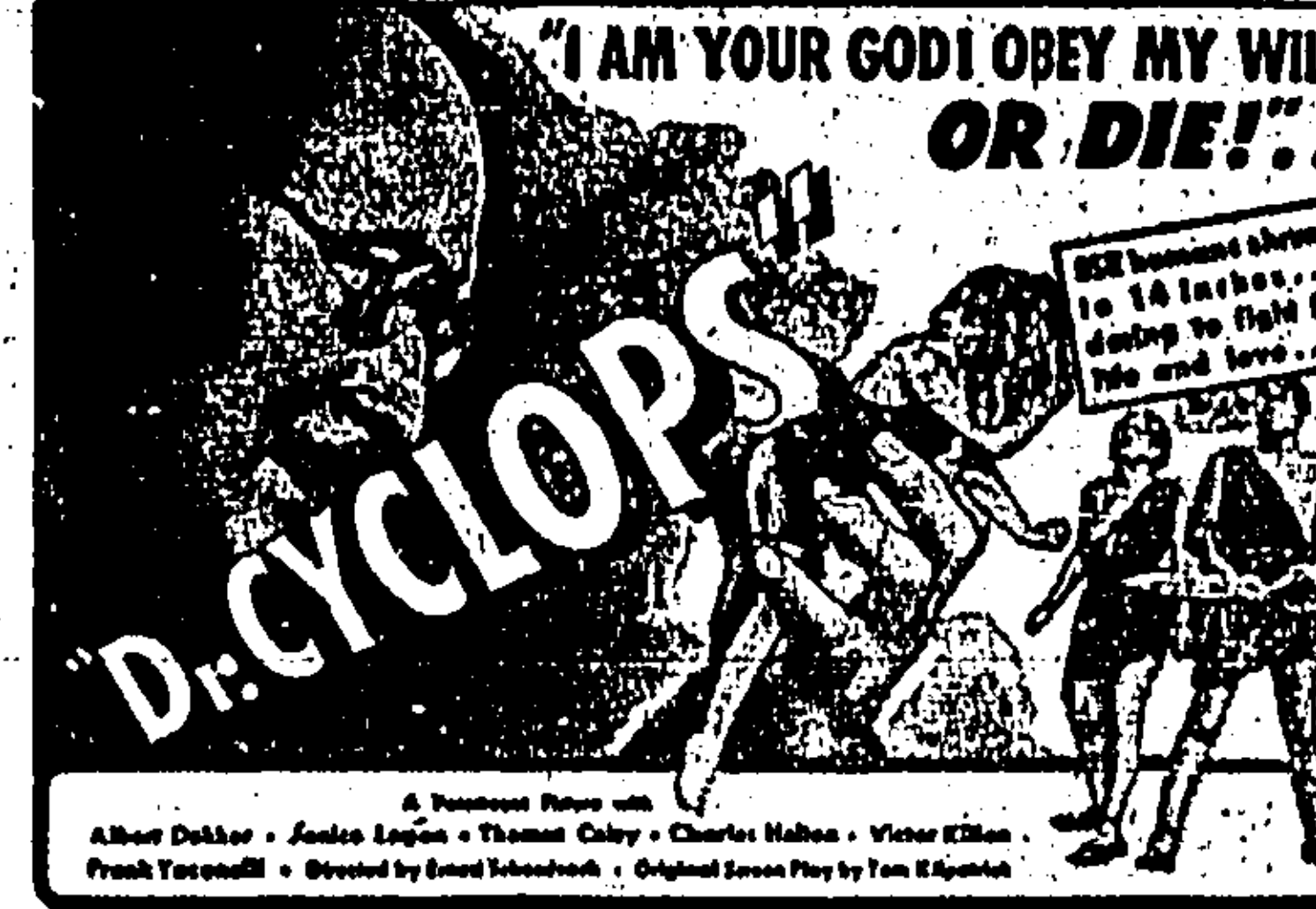
The Emergency Unit turned out last night when the Central Police Station received a telephone message that a fight between some 15 people was taking place in the China Emporium Cabaret. However when the Police arrived, the alleged disturbers had dispersed.

LATE NEWS

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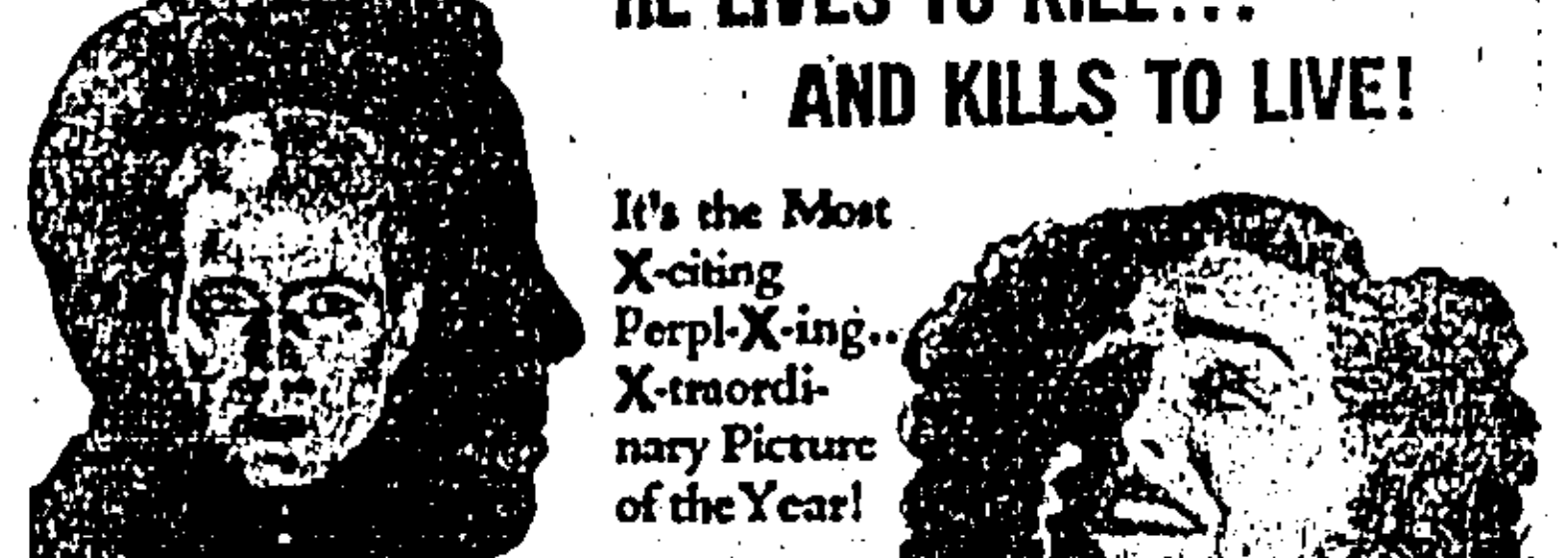
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United States Prepares Her War Machine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (UP).—Mr. Jesse Jones, President of the Imports and Exports Bank, in a speech here to-day, predicted that defence establishments in the United States will soon be working 24 hours a day with "little quibbling about costs."

"We hope the war will not reach us, but whether we like to contemplate it or not, it would be foolhardy not to realise that war is a reasonable possibility", he exclaimed.

GEN. GRAZIANI ADMITS ITALIANS WIPED OUT: BRITISH SUPERIORITY

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, Dec. 22 (UP).—MARSHAL GRAZIANI HAS SENT A REPORT TO MUSSOLINI ON THE ANGLO-ITALO BATTLES IN EGYPT, CONCLUDING WITH THE WORDS: "IT IS PREMATURE TO MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS IN THIS TITANIC BATTLE. IF THE BRITISH ARMOURD UNITS ARE MARKING TIME BEFORE THE FORT OF BARDIA, THIS IS DUE EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BRAVERY OF THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS."

MARSHAL GRAZIANI REVEALED THAT THE BATTLE HAD BEEN MOST SANGUINARY. HE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF ITALIAN DETACHMENTS HAD BEEN WIPED OUT WHILE RESISTING AT SIDI BARRANI AND AT OTHER POINTS.

Lord Halifax Is New Ambassador

Cabinet Changes Announced

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The Foreign Office issued a statement to-day saying: "The King is graciously pleased to approve the following appointments: His Majesty's Ambassador to Washington, the Right Honourable Viscount Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, Captain David Margesson.

NIGHT RAIDS ON BRITAIN

Sunday's Activity

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Enemy air activity over Britain during daylight hours to-day was very small but after darkness raiders were reported from several districts, including Liverpool, Midland, northern, west and south-west towns in England and Wales.

Up to a late hour to-night, there had been no reports of heavy bombings but in several places the raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage.

An alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that a very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders.

During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.

Two British planes landed in Eire, according to an official statement issued in Dublin, and the crews were interned.

India Rated Unpleasant

Japanese Complaints Of Oppression

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOJI, Dec. 22 (Domei).—India has become an unpleasant place for Japanese residents, and the British authorities there subject Japanese to various forms of oppression, declared Mr. Akiyoshi Komata, chief of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha office at Karachi, when he arrived here to-day.

Mr. Komata who has been in India for 15 years and who returned here with 155 other Japanese evacuees aboard the Haruna Maru, declared that Japanese export goods have been so restricted that day by day trade is declining.

"Our attempts to enlighten the natives about Japan through motion pictures and pamphlets have resulted in interference by British officials, and whenever Japanese leave their residences they have been followed by police who continually watch wherever they go," Mr. Komata asserted.

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Nazi-Soviet Conflict Over Rumanian Arrests

BELGRADE, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A protest against an anti-Soviet campaign in Rumania, and against describing arrested persons as Communists "when they have nothing to do with the Communist movement" is reported to have been lodged by the Soviet Minister in Bucharest, M. Lavrentieff.

He is reported to have stated that "Rumania's actions were intended to camouflage subversive actions of the Rumanian Legion" and he demanded that they should cease.

More "Instructions"

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—New detachments of German troops of

French Invade Thailand

But Repulsed, Says Bangkok

Special to the "Telegraph"

BANGKOK, Dec. 22 (UP).—A High Command communique says that Thai forces repulsed the French troops which, for the first time, entered Thai territory on December 20 at Klongluek near Nakorpanom.

Australian Navicerts

Japanese Affected By Restrictions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

SYDNEY, Dec. 22 (Domei).—Extending to Australia the British maritime "squeeze play" against Japan, restrictions have been imposed upon the taking of supplies of water, fuel and foods by Japanese ships without warrants from London certifying the vessels' ownership.

U.S. Derides Nazi Threat

Hopes Of Pacific War

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—A broadcast talk from Washington on the subject of the statement made by a Nazi Foreign Office spokesman on America's attitude was given by Mr. Linton Wells.

The noted American commentator said that officials in Washington state that Germany hopes to force the United States into war with Japan. The object of this would be to divert America's attention to the east.

"Impudence" was the comment by the "New York Times" to-day on the Berlin statement. The German Government, says the paper, is poorly advised if it does not realize that both the political parties and the overwhelming mass of the people are united behind the policy of helping Britain so that the defence of the Atlantic remains in friendly hands.

U.S. Naval Orders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$284,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing anti-submarine nets at the entrances of strategic harbours.

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Malaya's Defences

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The mainland of Malaya, in addition to Singapore and Penang, is being put in a state of defence, said Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, in a broadcast yesterday.

Schemes for bringing the civilian defence services to a higher state of efficiency will be accelerated and extended. The complete registration of all women available for war work will be carried out immediately.

Hitler—Santa Claus Or God Almighty?

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world, Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory. The highest good and the greatest gift Almighty God has given to man is to be a German. We are proud to master the world as



Another Greek Break-Through

New Threat To Tepelini

ATHENS, Dec. 22 (UP).—It is reliably learned that following heavy fighting the Italians have been driven from their commanding positions on the Chimara mountain and are streaming northwards attempting to fortify and hold new positions south of Valona Bay.

Vichy Reassures Syria

VICHY, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—"If Marshal Petain is determined to take no military initiative against anyone, he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from pain," declared General Berget, the French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut, reported by the French news agency.

General Berget said that he would be able to report very favourably to Marshal Petain following his inspection of the French air force in Syria and Lebanon.

"Men of Syria and Lebanon! I can assure you that in spite of the preoccupations in Europe, the Marshal is not forgetting any territory where the French flag waves. You can have complete confidence in the Marshal as he has confidence in you."

Counter-Offensive Broken

Near Kilaura the Italian counter-offensive broke down and the Greeks, with violent bayonet charges, drove them out of their fortified positions, near Chimara, states the radio.

Heavy fighting continues though the Greek position is favourable.

In the assault on Tepelini, the Italians suffered heavy losses in wounded and prisoners and quantities of equipment including ten field pieces.

The Greeks retain the initiative

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CHINESE WOMAN'S SUICIDE

How She Answered Inspector

HOW a police inspector obtained a statement from a young Chinese woman who had taken caustic soda and was unable to speak, by asking her questions and receiving replies in the form of head and hand motions, was explained in the Singapore Coroner's court recently.

The officer was Inspector Goh Kong Chiang, of the Tanjong Pagar Police Station, who described his visit to the woman in the General Hospital when he gave evidence at an inquiry begun by Mr W. G. Porter, the Singapore Coroner, into the woman's death.

The woman, Sim Ah Linn, a 23-year-old Hokkien, was stated to have drunk a solution of caustic soda in her home on Nov. 18. She died a few days later.

Describing his visit, Inspector Goh said: "I asked her in Hokkien how many years she had been married and she indicated eight by means of her fingers."

"I then asked her if she had drunk a solution of caustic soda and she nodded her head."

"When I asked her if she had taken caustic soda by mistake, she shook her head."

Nodded Her Head

"I then asked her if she had taken the soda to end her life, and she nodded her head in agreement."

"When I asked her why she had taken the soda to end her life she waved her hand."

Inspector Goh said he then asked her if she had taken the soda because she wanted "to go away," but she shook her head.

"I then asked her," Inspector Goh continued, "if it was because she had been driven away from home, and she nodded her head."

To another question put by Inspector Goh, the woman indicated that she was worried.

Husband's Evidence

Ng Kee, husband of the woman, said that he visited his wife when she was in hospital and that he questioned her.

"She told me that she had taken the caustic soda unintentionally," said Ng Kee.

Questioned about his wife's worries, Ng Kee said that she had been brooding over the loss of her child some months ago.

Ng Koon Chuan, the woman's father-in-law, said that she came home from work on Nov. 13 shortly after 4 p.m., had some food and then went up to her room. He left the house to buy something and when he returned he saw his daughter-in-law come running out of her room and collapse in the hall-way.

He summoned the police.

Remarking that he was satisfied that the woman took the soda with the intention of taking her own life, Mr Porter returned a verdict of "suicide."

ENGLISHWOMEN'S

Plight In Paris

The plight of 500 British women who were unable to leave Paris when the Germans entered the city is described by an Englishman who has just reached London from occupied France as "pretty terrible."

When he left Paris the Gestapo were tightening their surveillance over the Englishwomen. All the British menfolk have been taken to prison. The women are all allowed their liberty, but are spied upon and are kept in a constant state of apprehension.

Many are absolutely penniless. The meagre funds which most of the women had are now running low, and unless some means of providing them with money is found soon the outlook for them this winter will be terrible.

The French people are not over friendly, because of the persistent Nazi propaganda which seeks to show that the calamity of the French defeat is largely due to Britain's leaders.

Suicide During Air Raid Warning

A verdict of "suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed" was recorded at a Jewishman inquest, on Mrs Rosina Scholley (73), of Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who took her life while an air raid warning was in progress.

Mr Francis Scholley, the husband, said that when the air raid warning sounded, he and his wife went to the dugout in the garden. Later she told him that she had got tired of waiting and was going to the house to get some bread and milk.

When the All-clear sounded he went back to the house and found his wife, lying dead on the kitchen floor in front of a gas stove. The room was full of gas.

His wife dreaded the prospect of having to enter hospital shortly. She was in poor health.

Aircraft Factories For India?

The British Government is negotiating with Mr W. D. Fawley, the aviation expert, who supervised the building of Nationalist China's aircraft factory, with a view to the promotion of a similar project in India, says the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Mr Fawley last month made a survey of sites in India and studied the aptitude of Indians for the work necessary for the building of aircraft.

HOUSE FOR WAR AND PEACE

Blast-proof housing for industrial centres is the subject of an exhibition of architects' drawings opened recently at the R.I.B.A. headquarters in Portland Place, W.

The purpose of the exhibition is to teach housing authorities that though war-time needs come first there is no need to neglect either present amenities or future peace-time uses.

Therefore the R.I.B.A. set a competition open to all architects for a typical housing-estate house to comply with three conditions:

(1) Economy of material and speed of construction so as not to interfere with pressing war needs, (2) the house must be built for peace-time use yet afford extra sleeping accommodation for war-time needs, (3) it must give adequate A.R.P. protection.

A second competition has provided for the estate lay-out and this section produced two ingenious plans. One emphasises some buildings and camouflages others to leave the impression from the air that the estate is only an old-world village; the other shows the houses arranged in the scattered, inconsequent manner of an English village.

PILOT'S 40 NAZI VICTIMS

There is a pilot in the R.A.F. who has already brought down 40 enemy aircraft. In the last war Major E. Mannock was top scorer with 73.

But though pilots' records are kept, the Air Ministry does not approve of the glorification of the air ace. In fighter, as in bomber, squadron team work is the thing.

Fighter pilots often have a long list of factional victories, a third of a bomber here, a half there, and a third on the following day, for many victories over enemy aircraft are secured by joint action.

Here is a report of three sergeant pilots of Hurricanes, who recently sent down a Dornier 17 bomber:

No. 1: "The section was in line astern, so I turned to intercept, and attacked from beam quarter, developing into line astern. I noticed bullets hit enemy aircraft, and then I broke off the attack to allow Nos. 2 and 3 to carry on theirs."

No. 2: "I followed No. 1 and delivered an astern attack, giving a long continuous burst."

No. 3: "I followed suit, enemy fire ceasing after a prolonged burst from me. The enemy aircraft was obviously badly damaged. It continued to lose height and attempted to flatten out above the water. The tail unit touched the sea and broke off, the machine nose-diving and disappearing after a few seconds. No wreckage was to be seen above the surface."

Tapestry Work Is Soothing

A centuries-old remedy for soothing nerves has been revived by British women who spend their nights in shelters or standing by for duty. They are stitching elaborate tapestries like those worked by the women of medieval days as they waited for their men to return from battle.

Hundreds are finding that embroidery makes the long hours of waiting pass more quickly, takes their minds off the sound of gunfire and enemy planes overhead.

Queen Mary has just started work on two lovely old French fruit designs of pomegranates, grapes, and pears. When they are finished, the tapestries will be mounted as chair seats.

The Royal School of Needlework, which is remaining in London despite the war, has been supplying a number of clients with designs and materials.

The principal, Lady Smith-Dorrien, said: "There has been a great revival in tapestry work since the raids began."



WOULDN'T REGISTER—Asserting they were conscientious objectors, Rev. Keith C. Kanaga, left, Congregational clergyman, and Rev. Harry H. Kruoner, Baptist, both of Boston, refused to register for conscription in the United States.

No Right To Beat Boy—S'pore Dutchman Fined

"YOU had no right to beat any of the children or take the law into your own hands," said Mr Kenneth Byrne, Singapore magistrate, to Peter van der Weerd, a Hollander employed as an assistant at the K.P.M., when he convicted van der Weerd recently of using criminal force on 8½-year-old Donald Urquhart.

Donald William Urquhart told the court that he was in Standard I at St Andrew's School.

"About 5 or 5.30 p.m. on Oct. 29," he said, "I was playing with several other boys outside van der Weerd's house in Cairnhill Road."

"Two of them, Joe and Pete, had a fight and I tried to separate them. Then van der Weerd came out and asked me what was the matter."

Beaten In Back

"Before I could answer him," Donald declared, "he took hold of me with one hand and hit me with the other, beating me all over my back four or five times."

Donald's evidence was corroborated by Joe Sassoon, also aged 8½, who admitted that he had a quarrel with Pete Bas because Pete spat on his leg.

Mrs Blanche Urquhart said that that evening her son Donald came running into the house complaining that he had been thrashed.

"He was crying and was very upset, and I found that his back was all red," she stated.

Had Dengue Fever

In his defence, van der Weerd said he had come home that day from a very busy day in the office and had also a touch of dengue fever.

He sat in the verandah of his house, he went on, in front of which about ten or 12 children were playing and shouting.

"Suddenly, I saw two boys fighting," he said, "and I ran out and asked 'What has happened here?'"

"All the boys ran away except Donald, who was in the corner where I saw the boys fighting; so I gave him two slaps on his posterior."

"He was very calm, and told me he would tell his mother, and I said that he could, and he walked away," concluded van der Weerd.

Fining van der Weerd \$10, Mr Byrne remarked that there was no doubt at all that Donald was telling the truth, and had not been fighting that evening. He advised van der Weerd to complain to their mothers if children gave trouble, and not to beat them.

NEW DOCTRINE Preached By Berlin

Germany is now declaring that invasion is not necessary to bring about Britain's defeat.

This new view is now being sedulously spread by official quarters in the Wilhelmstrasse, according to the Berlin correspondent of the "Basler Nachrichten."

The new argument is, the correspondent says, that Britain can be brought to her knees by the destruction of her economic life by the air attack and blockade.

French Red Cross Women In London

Two women officials of the French Red Cross are now in London on a secret mission after travelling from unoccupied France.

They are Mlle. Helene Terre and Mlle. Edna Nicolle.

"I cannot tell you at present the reason for our visit to the Red Cross in your country," Mlle Terre told a reporter, "as our work is not yet completed."

MANY VOLUNTEER WORKERS

Helping to keep the wheels turning

Retired business and professional men at Patcham, near Brighton, turn out and deliver newspapers and periodicals, when, owing to air raids, they arrive too late for the normal distribution.

Among the volunteer "news boys" are a well-known journalist, a high-grade ex-Civil Servant, and a prominent engineer.

Their reward—cheers and smiles. It's all they ask.

RHAPSODY BY BLUE

Two detectives who called at Canterbury Deanery told the dean, Dr. Hewlett Johnson, that there had been reports of mysterious gatherings in the deanery after Sunday evening service.

Dr. Johnson gave the explanation at a meeting in Manchester recently. "As a matter of fact," he said, "the highly dangerous thing that happened there was extremely highbrow music."

"The police and I became friendly. One of the constables was a first-class musician."

"He now comes to the deanery, and he delighted us the other evening for forty minutes by playing Beethoven in a masterly way."

Vichy Acquires Havas

Reorganisation Move

VICHY, Dec. 18 (UP).—The French government has been authorized to acquire a 25,000,000-franc holding in Agence Havas under a law entitled "Law Relative to a Reorganization of the Havas Company."

Technically, Agence Havas has been a private company hitherto with a total capital stock for a news and an advertising agency of about 105,000,000 francs. It has been the largest of three French news agencies, the others being Agence Radio and Agence Fournier. Agence Radio discontinued publication at Bordeaux on June 25 after the retreat from Paris. Agence Fournier continues to function at Vichy, having accompanied the government.

The law relative to Agence Havas' reorganization does not state the method of reorganization, but it was understood the government intended to acquire control of the news agency portion of the Havas company, which thereafter would function openly as a government agency, similar to Germany's DNB and Italy's Stefani.

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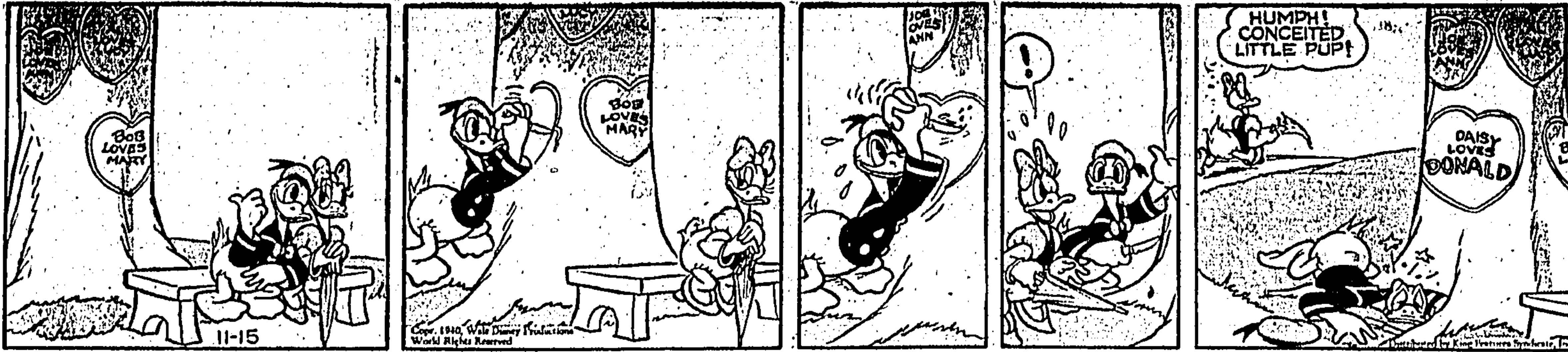
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Oil Bomb On House Of Lords

An oil bomb fell in the precincts of the Palace of Westminster recently. The House of Commons was unhurt, but the bomb crashed through the roof of a building attached to the House of Lords, penetrating to wash-houses on the first floor.

A fire was started but was quickly got under control by the fire-fighting Squad and the police on duty. Buckets of sand and water were readily available. Hoses were connected with the fire-hydrants and the fire was subdued within a very short while. It is stated that some damage has been done to roofs, ceilings and fittings.

This is the first time that the Nazis have, even remotely, inflicted damage on the birthplace and home of Parliamentary Government, which they have sworn to destroy.

The damage is of so little consequence that Parliament might have continued its ordinary work in complete ignorance of the fact that its home had been damaged.



FORMER MINISTER GUILTY — Scene in French court at Clermont-Ferrand, as Jean Zay, sitting with hand to chin, former Minister of Education under Premiers Blum and Daladier, hears himself convicted of desertion in presence of onanym. He fled to Morocco with other French leaders when Nazis overran France.

U.S. Builds 1,000 Planes Monthly

America's 'plane production is now nearly 1,000 a month, of which about 300 are shipped to Britain. Occasionally alarming reports are published such as one appearing in to-day's New York Times that there are only 300 American first line combat 'planes.

President Roosevelt, dealt with these reports at a Press conference some time ago in answer to Republican charges that the defence programme was in a state of confusion. He pointed out that by assuming arbitrary definitions almost any kind of total could be reached.

He also said that since the first requirement was for trained pilots a large proportion of the 'planes delivered currently were for training purposes.

Gen. Marshall, Chief of Staff, was asked at a Press Conference how many first line bombers 'planes the army possessed and replied that the correct figure was about 1,500. He admitted however that only about 500 of these were comparable to the best which are now being produced by Germany and Britain, that is to say only that number were provided with armoured protection and self-sealing petrol tanks.

Orders Increasing
Orders were, however, rapidly increasing and new contracts being signed.

Gen. Marshall summoned the conference to announce that several hundred army tanks, the actual numbers believed to be around 400, would be sold to Canada for training purposes.

These tanks are old models travelling no faster than 3 miles an hour. They used up petrol at such a rate that seven years ago Congress forbade the Army to use any more.

They will be sold to Canada in the same way as rifles and French 75's were sold to England. They will be declared surplus and sold to a private company which can resell them to Canada.

FRENCH WILL NOT ACCEPT FASCISM

"It seems to me that the only hope for an independent France, in our lifetime at least, is a British victory," declared "Pertinax", the French journalist, in an interview with the "New York Post."

"Under the constant threat of pressure no Government can be free," he added. "Fascism will never sink into the French soul."

"Can you imagine our workers, our shopkeepers, who like to gather in little cafes and thrash out the problems of the world, marching, saluting, following a leader? Can you imagine them blindly obeying orders? Most of all, can you imagine them keeping silent?"

Reshuffle At Ministry Of Information

The Ministry of Information, it has been announced, is being reorganised in five departments—censorship of news, photographs, public relations, regional administration and home intelligence; news for overseas; control of films, posters, books and pamphlets; and general administration.

Two subsidiary divisions will deal with the relationship of the Ministry to the B.B.C. and the Board of Trade. Reductions of staff are in progress.

New U.S. Fighter Reaches 500 M.P.H.

The new twin-engined Lockheed fighter plane has reached speeds of 500 m.p.h. in tests at Burbank, California, with engines opened only to half throttle, and is expected to reach 600 m.p.h.

It lands and takes off at 100 m.p.h. and can climb 4,000 feet in a minute, and carries a 30mm. cannon in the nose and numerous machine guns.

It is not available for purchase by foreigners, but it is said, Britain has ordered 800 of the export type, capable of over 400 m.p.h.

Escape Through Tunnel

A perilous journey through the labyrinth of vaults and tunnels of London's riverside was described by women who had been trapped in a shelter after bombs had destroyed the building over their heads.

Ten women and two men were in the shelter, which was under an old yard by a wharf. "We heard the crash as the building collapsed," one of them said, "and after standing still for a while, we began to see how we could get out."

"Two of the exits were completely blocked. Through the third we could see the glow of flames. We decided we had better take our chance through this one. We scrambled through amid thick dust and smoke, and found ourselves on the wharf."

"It was an enormous relief, but we were still as far as we could tell, cut off from the streets. We shouted together to the bridge we could see not far away, and after a while a voice answered."

"They told us to wait, and said a boat would come for us, but in the end two policemen found their way through to us by land. We went down with them through passages and vaults we had known nothing about, until we came into a side-street some distance away from the fire."

It seems doubtful if they could have been rescued by water. The river at this point is filled with treacherous cross-currents and eddies. An expert said that unless the boat had been in the hands of a local fisherman, it would have been dashed to destruction against the pier of a bridge.

WOMAN NOT TO DRIVE FOR 20 YEARS

Lucy Wood (40), of Park Terrace, Newcastle, was fined £50, with £60 costs, and had her driving licence suspended for 20 years at Newcastle recently, when she pleaded guilty to being under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of a car.

MORE SABOTAGE IN BELGIUM —Mystery Fire

Further evidence is available that the Belgians are not settling down under their Nazi taskmasters. The people have been reminded by the German-controlled Brussels wireless station of the decree of the German High Command issued in May, under which instigation to lay down tools, to strike or to commit sabotage would be dealt with by a military tribunal.

At the same time the announcer issued a strong warning to Belgian municipal authorities, who, it was alleged, were not doing their duty in putting unemployed to work.

He also announced that there had been a fire in a rubber factory near Schaarbeek. Efforts to extinguish the flames were in vain and the factory was entirely burnt out. Investigations were being made by the police.

Reprisals for sabotage in the province of Liege were also announced.

Cables belonging to the German army had been cut, and in consequence, it was stated, all men belonging to the "former Belgian army" who had been released and who were residing in three certain communes of the province would be seized by the Germans as prisoners of war.

If the guilty parties were not discovered shortly, more reprisals would take place.

SOVIET VIEW OF BASES PACT

Moscow newspapers continue to take great interest in the Anglo-American "bases for destroyers" agreement. "Pravda", official organ of the Communist party, declares the agreement either covers, or will cover, the Far East, while "Trud", the Trade Unions paper, asserts that the Far East is undoubtedly included.

It adds that judging from the recreation in the Japanese Press, nobody in Japan expects Anglo-American understanding to be based on the "Burma road agreement" precedent.

The "Red Fleet" declares that the decision to sell the destroyers is based on advice received from the American naval mission in London, and argues that this reflects the belief of American military circles in the possibility of defending Britain.

ROMAN PRINCES EXILED BY MUSSOLINI

Prince Filippo Dorio Pamphili and Prince Alessandro Torlonia, two prominent members of the Roman aristocracy, have arrived at Lugano, Switzerland. There is much speculation as to the reason.

Prince Pamphili owns the magnificent Palazzo Corsi Umberto in Rome, which houses the most valuable private collection of artistic treasures in the city. He is suspected of anti-Fascist leanings. His wife is British, but as she became Italian by marriage her British origin has hitherto caused no difficulties.

A New York report stated that Prince Pamphili and Prince Torlonia were among prominent Romans who had been either arrested or exiled because Mussolini was bent on suppressing defeatist talk in Italy.

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YOUNG VALIANTS

MANY have been bearing witness to the astonishing qualities that are being revealed by Britain's young men in this the greatest ordeal of the nation's long history. It is indeed a cause for constant wonderment and thankfulness.

Those elderly Jeremiahs who in the years of troubled peace used to discourse with malign eloquence on the degeneracy of our youth, their lack of interest in the things that matter, their evasion of responsibility, their pursuit of pleasure, their undue devotion to sport—do not these critics now hide their heads in shame? At any rate, their tongues have been stilled, and their consciences, it is hoped, are troubling them.

And what of Britain's totalitarian critics, who many months told the world that the British race was enfeebled, would not accept sacrifices, and had only to be attacked to collapse like a castle of sand? It is not to be expected that shame is now felt in those quarters. But there has been a great awakening. The Nazi and Fascist braggarts, if they ever believed that the British lion had gone into decrepitude, had lost its teeth and claws, are wiser now.

Britain's young men, taken many of them from the most ordinary, prosaic civil callings, have shown courage, resource and sacrifice unsurpassed in the Elizabethan or any other glorious epoch of our island story. The nation that still breeds such men has no need to fear the tyrants' regimented millions.

The young women, too, have shown themselves worthy of their brothers and their sires; and it cannot be doubted that the stoical, indomitable resistance shown by the civil populace in general to all the devils of Nazi frightfulness is due, not only to the determination not to bow the knee to Hitler, but also to the constant inspiration of young Britain's daily roll of noble deeds in many places of danger.

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I WONDER what Hitler is thinking these days about Goering?

The Reichsmarschall is beginning to be a very big figure in the Reich. He has far out-distanced Goebbels and Hess and Himmler and all the rest of them. He is certainly the second man in Germany.

Nor does he depend entirely—as the others do—on Hitler's personal favour.

The Fuehrer, if he chose to, could have Goebbels or even Himmler himself shot to-morrow, and not a dog would bark in protest.

But to dismiss or discipline Goering would be a risky business. The Marshal is popular. His jovial brutality is of a type that the average German likes.

THE STRONG MAN

He has carefully and steadily built up that popularity. He has publicised himself. He is still doing so.

That flight over London was a superb bit of personal propaganda.

And he is the only party leader that the army respects. All this gives him a status of his own, a certain security, a certain independence.

Alone of the Nazi chiefs, he can talk to Hitler as man to man. He can pit his will against the Fuehrer's; and his more robust vehemence often wins.

Hitler must wonder at times whether his Reichsmarschall is not becoming too powerful.

He must wonder what would happen if, one day, the two of them should come really to loggerheads.

Always, since the beginning of the Nazi Movement, Goering has, in his relations with Hitler, played the role of the strong man. Always his advice has been in favour of force, or ruthlessness, of violence.

NOT QUITE

Never was there a greater fallacy than that pathetic belief of British diplomacy—and not only of diplomacy—in the years before the war that Goering was a moderating force in the Nazi councils.

The diplomatists "fell for" Goering. He was difficult, temperamental; either moody and unapproachable, or impossibly voluble.

Ribbentrop was clammy and unpleasant; Goebbels was just a nasty little rat; Himmler was evil and sadistic. And so on.

But Goering, if you forget his record, was just a bluff, cheery personality. His jests might be coarse. But they were jests, and that was a relief in Nazi Germany.

ward with unshakable confidence. The foundations of the nation are as sound as they ever were. It is the human material that counts most of all—and the human material is all right.

WHAT ABOUT GOERING NOW?

By W. N. EWER

He liked good food and good wine. He was good company. He liked sports, gave his guests good shooting.

He was—damme, sir!—an officer and very nearly a gentleman.

HIS RECORD

So they felt for him—and when he told them he was all for peace and reason, they believed him. They forgot his record.

That record showed him, always and at every turn, for force and for brutality.

Hitler always had a yearning for getting his ends for hitting somebody on the head as the most effective form of argument.

That was why he staged the Reichstag fire.

Hitler had intrigued his way to the Chancellorship of the Reich. Goering knew what he wanted—a ruthless dictatorship, a savage terror that would smash down all opposition.

Hitler was hesitating, as he always tends to hesitate in crises. Goering fired the Reichstag, knowing the effect that drama would have on the unstable mind of his leader. He judged rightly.

Hitler gazed at the fire and was persuaded. He declared it a "sign from Heaven."

ALWAYS GOERING

The terror was loosed. It was Goering's terror.

It was Goering who planned the "blood bath" of 1934, persuaded Hitler by false information, that it was necessary for his own safety.

It was Goering who carried out that "purge" in Prussia with fourfold ruthlessness.

Always, and right through, he has been the same. Always the disciple of the smashing blow as the one solution for every problem.

When the wretched Hacha of Czechoslovakia went to Berchtesgaden in March last year, it was Goering who clinched the argument by announcing that he had 800 bombers waiting, all ready to blow Prague to smithereens unless the Czech Premier signed on the dotted line.

It was Goering, too, who assured his leader that the moment he gave the word the Nazi Air Fleet would smash right through the RAF and all our defences and clear the way for an invading army.

IT WENT WRONG

If Braunschitz and Keitel would have men and ships

ready, Goering would open the way for them with a swift hammer blow.

He went to the French coast to watch the coming victory.

It did not happen. Goering's stock was in danger of slumping.

But he had a second string to his bow. Let the Fuehrer say the word, and Goering would annihilate London, and so end the war at one blow.

Hitler, as so often when Goering wants a decision, was worked into a fury about the bombing of Berlin munition works—rather as, seven years before, he had been worked into an ecstasy of rage by the sight of the blazing Reichstag.

He gave the order to erase London.

But again the decisive blow just did not happen. Night after night, Goering's planes have been hammering London; but without the least sign of anything like a decisive blow.

The Marshal's friends and publicity agents now hint that his real plan is to batter and batter us night after night until we just get tired of the whole affair.

ANOTHER PATH

But that is not the crushing blow, the swift ending of the war, that he had promised.

He may fool the German people about it. He still holds that great popularity. But I doubt if he has fooled Hitler.

Hitler is off on another path, more to his own liking. He dreams of going East, of going round, of forming new combinations, of striking at the British Empire somewhere on the flank.

That is the characteristic Hitler technique—and it is a dangerous one.

We have to guard ourselves against being Maginot-minded, against thinking that if we can hold this "island fortress" all is well.

We need, with Hitler as opponent, always to look to our flanks.

That however is another matter. Goering, I think, is not high in the Fuehrer's favour at the moment. But he is too strong to be removed or attacked—unless very skilfully and warily by very tortuous and roundabout ways.

It might come. Note that the Reichsmarschall was not at the Brenner meeting, though Von Keitel was.

The Mere Man

Hoponot Much has happened since this time last year, and the intervening twelve months have seen vast changes in our so-called civilised society. These changes, for the most part, have been brought about, either directly or indirectly, by the European war, the prosecution of which has been accompanied by a succession of shattering events whose effects have been felt in every corner of the earth.

Tragedy, suffering, hunger and other forms of distress are rampant over wide areas, and their early abatement cannot reasonably be foreseen. Yet, in taking stock of the general situation to-day, there is cause for gratification, not only because millions more fortunate are still spared the worst, but also in that the flicker of hope burning in many hearts for a better and saner world, which came perilously close to extinguishment, shines more brightly.

Although the time has not arrived for complete assurance, there is, nevertheless, sufficient ground for believing that the forces of evil will be destroyed. The consternation, uncertainty and general gloom that followed the collapse of France and the retreat of the British forces from the Continent, have since the disruption of Hitler's invasion plans and what may be called the defeat of the Nazi air horror, and more recently the success of the Greeks and the British penetration into Lybia, given place to a more cheerful state of mind, more confidence and greater faith in the future.

Men of the fighting services of the British Empire and its allies deserve all our thanks and our every encouragement. Let us remember them at this season, and let us also not forget the civilians, the people, who have shown such admirable courage throughout these unhappy months. From their example, let us derive the same forbearance, the same resolution, the same will to fight and overcome darkness and disaster.

Debits And Credits

And what of Hongkong in these twelve months? We have accomplished a great deal in some directions, but a lot of things that required to be done have not been tackled. I am thinking, above all, of the sorry state of our social services. The war has claimed urgent attention—and as part of the Empire we have only done right in considering what sacrifice we can make for the common cause—but the war should not be taken as an excuse to cover up our failure to meet our responsibilities to our own citizens. As a result of indifference and inaction, we find to-day in our midst the same, if not greater, misery and distress.

Reading of every report issued by our charitable institutions leads to the same view. And the total inadequacy of measures to remedy the situation is frankly admitted by the Government. Poverty and other ills have only grown with the steady rise in the cost of living, the rate of which has been officially estimated to be 45 per cent, since the outbreak of the European war.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote promised shortly before he departed on leave that a comprehensive scheme for dealing with the problem would be devised. That was the last we heard of it. It is not too much to ask the Government to hurry up; and we should feel we had started the New Year right if we were given some indication that the problem was being actively tackled.

A Strange Christmas

This Christmas is, for many, not going to be like any they have ever known. There may be local citizens who have lost sons, daughters, relatives or friends, in front-line action as well as in bombings, sinkings and other disasters of war. But wives and children evacuated to a far country—that is a sad, new experience of war, and Christmas, the children's festival, the season for family reunion, emphasises it.

But, thinking twice, there was a Christmas long ago which had its parallel with this:

"When they (the wise men) departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young Child and His mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.'"

Perhaps those who are here alone, and can only spend Christmas in thought with their dear ones in Australia and other places, may find some comfort in the knowledge that He who gave us Christmas was Himself once an evacuated child.

We live in sad times, and there is greater sadness than being temporarily parted from one's family. So make the best of it, and stick it through. There are others whose Christmas is also a lonely one—and perhaps not only just this year!

Whatever your lot, I give you the good, old wish, A Merry Christmas—and may the New Year dawn happily!

—Claudius

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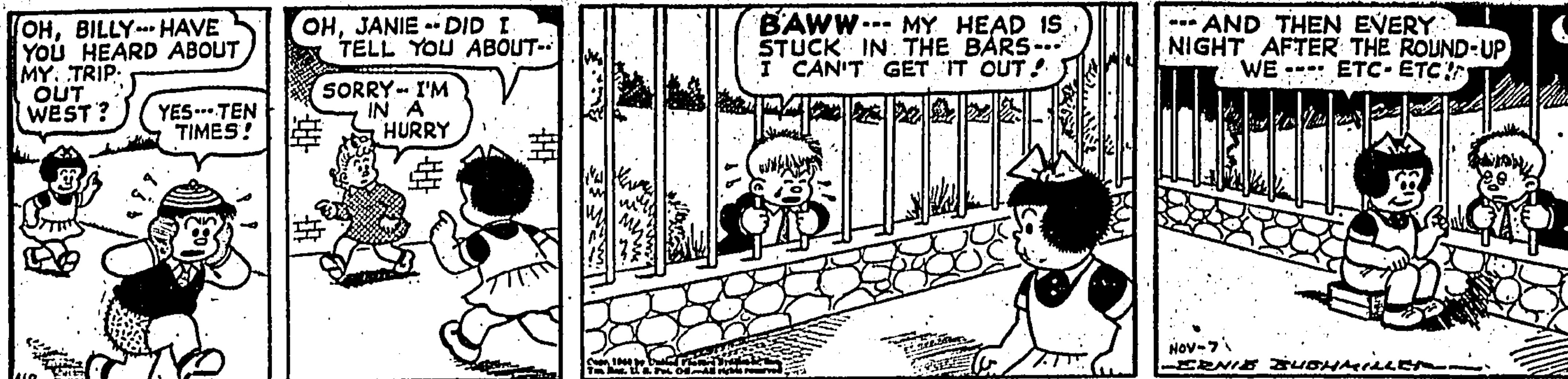
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NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Police Inquire Into Pamphlets From Italian Internees In Manx

POLICE in the Isle of Man have failed to discover how pamphlets written by Italian internees in the island were smuggled from their camp and delivered by post to hundreds of Manx citizens. The pamphlets, printed by duplicating machine, explained that Italians are not such bad fellows after all, that they have sons or friends in the British Army, that their wives and children are being bombed.

Manx people want to know how this pamphlet came from the aliens' internment camp, who printed it, who obtained a list of their names and addresses, and who posted it to them. The pamphlets were distributed after Mrs. H. L. Fletcher, wife of the director of education in the Isle of Man, organised a concert to aid hospital charities.

It was announced when the concert was arranged that several internees well known in European music circles would take part. The announcement coincided with news of the bombing of women and children in London, whereupon Manxmen and their wives protested.

Letters poured into the homes of the promoters of the concert denouncing such a way of raising money for charities.

"How can we applaud these people when we know what they are doing in London?" one letter said. The concert was cancelled.

A few hours later pamphlets written by Italian internees were delivered through the post to hundreds of addresses in the Isle of Man.

The pamphlets said:

Reasons

"The internees who offered their services to the hospitals did so for the following reasons:

"That they have earned their livelihood in Britain for the past 20 or 30 years.

"That they respect the cause of hospitals as being outside all national or political considerations.

"That they are willing and anxious to make a small contribution of their wages to the funds of a

great charitable institution that has succoured their compatriots. "That our British wives and children are also being bombed by the Germans and are suffering as much as those who are objecting to the concert being held."

One Desire

Mrs. Fletcher told a reporter: "Our only desire was to help the hospitals."

Ten per cent. of the proceeds of the concert were to have been devoted to helping the poorer aliens in the internment camp.

The sum used for this purpose was expected to be about £10.

Italian internees had spent £20 out of their own pockets on scenery and other expenses.

The concert had been approved by the Camp Commandant, Colonel Baggeley. An inquiry into the introduction of the pamphlets into Manx mails began immediately they were received by householders.

Danger Of Neurosis Among War Babies

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, Dec. 21 (UP).—Babies born amid the crashes and bursting shells of war may run the risk of nervous illness even before they come into this world, Dr. L. W. Sontag, director of the Samuel L. Wells Research Institute, Antioch College, indicated to the Society for Research in Child Development meeting at Harvard Medical School here.

A frightened mother who must give birth to her baby among the unusual noises of bombardment and anti-aircraft fire may find that the infant is affected by this unfortunate environment. If the disturbed conditions continue for a long period just before birth, the baby may actually suffer from a neurosis both before and after birth.

He will be restless and overactive. He may have feeding difficulties and heart spasms. He will probably be thin.



ATHENS TO-DAY—One of the loveliest cities of the Old World, Athens is the centre of Greek resistance to Italian designs. Above is a view of the city, with the Acropolis hill above it. The Acropolis is famous for its architectural and sculptural beauties.

Flying Still Man's Game

Says Famous Aviatix

ALBANY, NEW YORK, Dec. 21 (UP).—Flying is still a man's game because the average woman pilot takes to aviation with the idea it will be a "novel lark," according to Laura Ingalls, famous aviatix.

"In reality it's a deadly serious business," she said on a plane here during a 3,000 mile transcontinental flight. "Women must win the respect of male pilots before they can play an important role in American aviation."

The American woman's temperament is totally unsuited to combat flying in wartime although she might render valuable service as a pilot of ambulance or photographic planes, Miss Ingalls believes.

"The trouble is, the average instructor doesn't give a hoot about

NEW C.I.D. HOURS

A plan for staggered hours has been adopted by sections of the C.I.D. at Scotland Yard. If it is a success it may be extended throughout the department.

Officers on special duty and a large force of reserves will in future remain on duty for 16 hours and will be off duty for 32. The arrangement has been agreed to by the officers. Normally they would be entitled to a special allowance after eight hours' duty.

making a woman a thoroughly competent pilot," she added.

Miss Ingalls established the transcontinental end-west and west-east records for women flyers in 1935, and is the only American aviatix to make a successful flight over the treacherous Andes mountains of Peru.

Crossword Puzzle

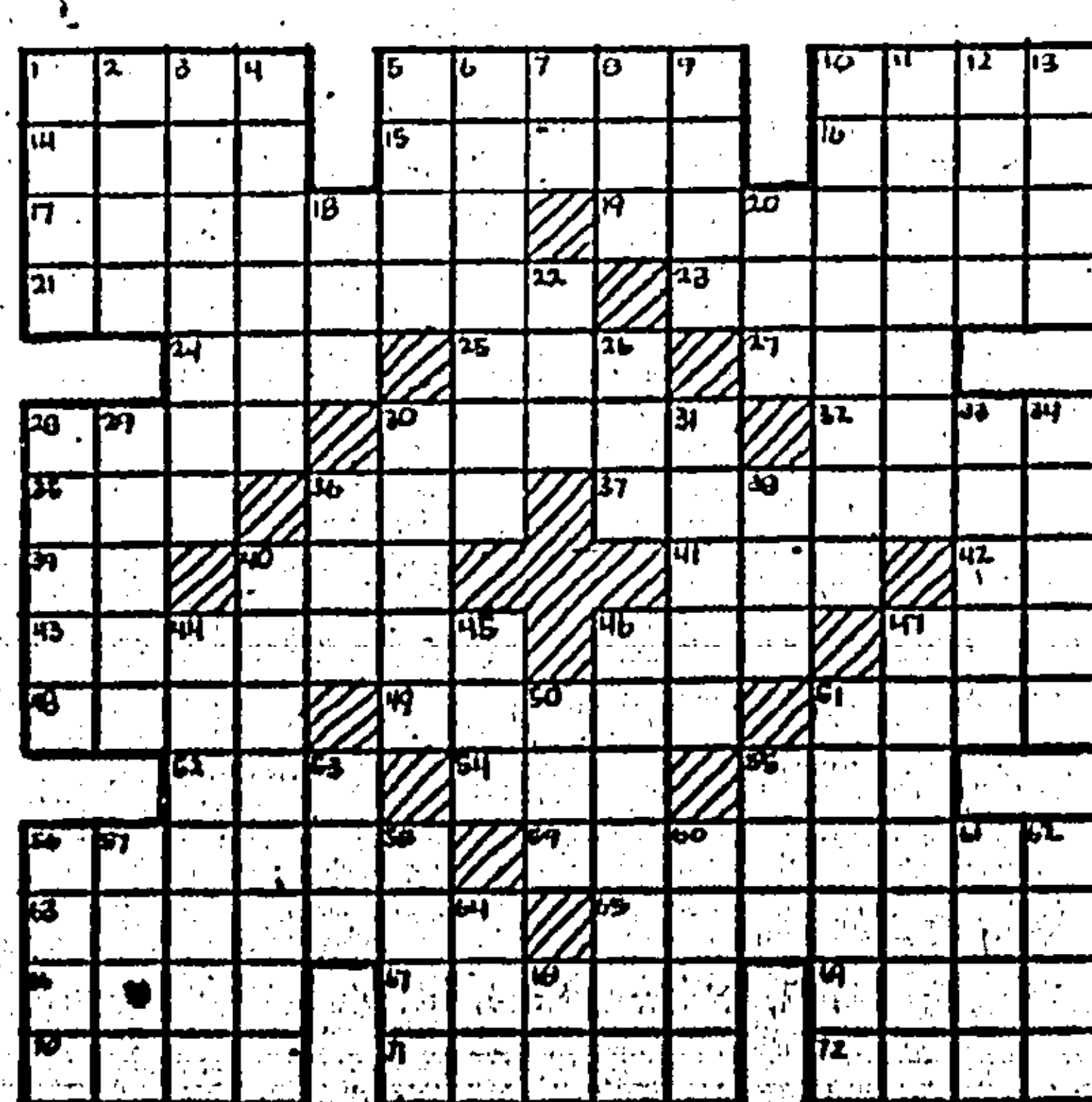
By LARS MORRIS

ACROSS

- 1—Conceded fact
- 2—Transmits through pool
- 3—Two bed
- 4—Sign of impending happening
- 5—Item of property
- 6—Heavy knife of Philippines
- 7—Instructions
- 8—Director
- 9—Twisted together
- 10—Withstand
- 11—Long hair
- 12—At present time
- 13—Definite article
- 14—Purr, as cat (Scottish)
- 15—Place
- 16—Land surrounded by water
- 17—Donkey
- 18—Abstract conception of being
- 19—Maker of deed
- 20—Ancient Egyptian deity
- 21—Common measure of area
- 22—Common breakfast food
- 23—Like
- 24—More nauseous
- 25—Faint of consciousness
- 26—Healed
- 27—Thin, narrow strip of wood
- 28—Part of house
- 29—Father
- 30—Units of decimal system
- 31—Female sheep
- 32—Conjectured
- 33—Waiting for repetition of

DOWN

- 1—Dispense in small quantities
- 2—Expression of hearty
- 3—Examiner
- 4—Reply
- 5—German author in exile
- 6—Expresses agreement
- 7—Zilla as
- 8—Lemal
- 9—Circle of solar system
- 10—Making ashamed
- 11—Most libraries
- 12—Strong brews
- 13—Kind
- 14—Lubricating fluid
- 15—Dance
- 16—Feminine deer
- 17—Humorous fellow
- 18—Particular in
- 19—American educator
- 20—Customary
- 21—Make contemptuous
- 22—Corrosion
- 23—Sediment of liquids
- 24—Defiantly content
- 25—Dissuade
- 26—Pretz; very much
- 27—In the past
- 28—Waited upon
- 29—Dairy beyond natural desires
- 30—Mottled streak in
- 31—Altered for sake of improvement
- 32—One who sets house in
- 33—Are under obligation to
- 34—Most certain
- 35—Horn
- 36—The sup
- 37—Units of electrical resistance
- 38—Sound of bell
- 39—Tow
- 40—Yield
- 41—Roman emperor
- 42—Dull color
- 43—Title of respect
- 44—Mother



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High French Officials In Detention

A DESCRIPTION of the "life of members of the former French Government now detained in Chateau Chazeron," was recently given by the official German news agency.

Chazeron Castle, says the agency, is a fortress dating from the Middle Ages. It is surrounded by a deep moat.

"The four men detained there, MM. Daladier, Reynaud, Mandel and General Gamelin, are in separate quarters. They are allowed out in the grounds, but at different times.

They must share their meals with the warders and must pay for them out of their own pockets.

"They spend part of the day preparing for their defence at Nîmes. They talk politics with their warders, who are cautioned to be friendly but reserved.

Threatens Revelations

"According to reports," continues the agency, "M. Reynaud is the most depressed. M. Daladier is very talkative. He threatens sensational revelations at the trial.

"Both Daladier and Reynaud ride bicycles in the park.

"Gamelin is said to be the quietest. Besides preparing for his defence, he is engaged in writing a book on military science. In talks with his warders he is not in any way responsible for the turn of events and that he was betrayed by his generals."

M. Mandel, former Minister of the Interior, is described as the "enfant terrible."

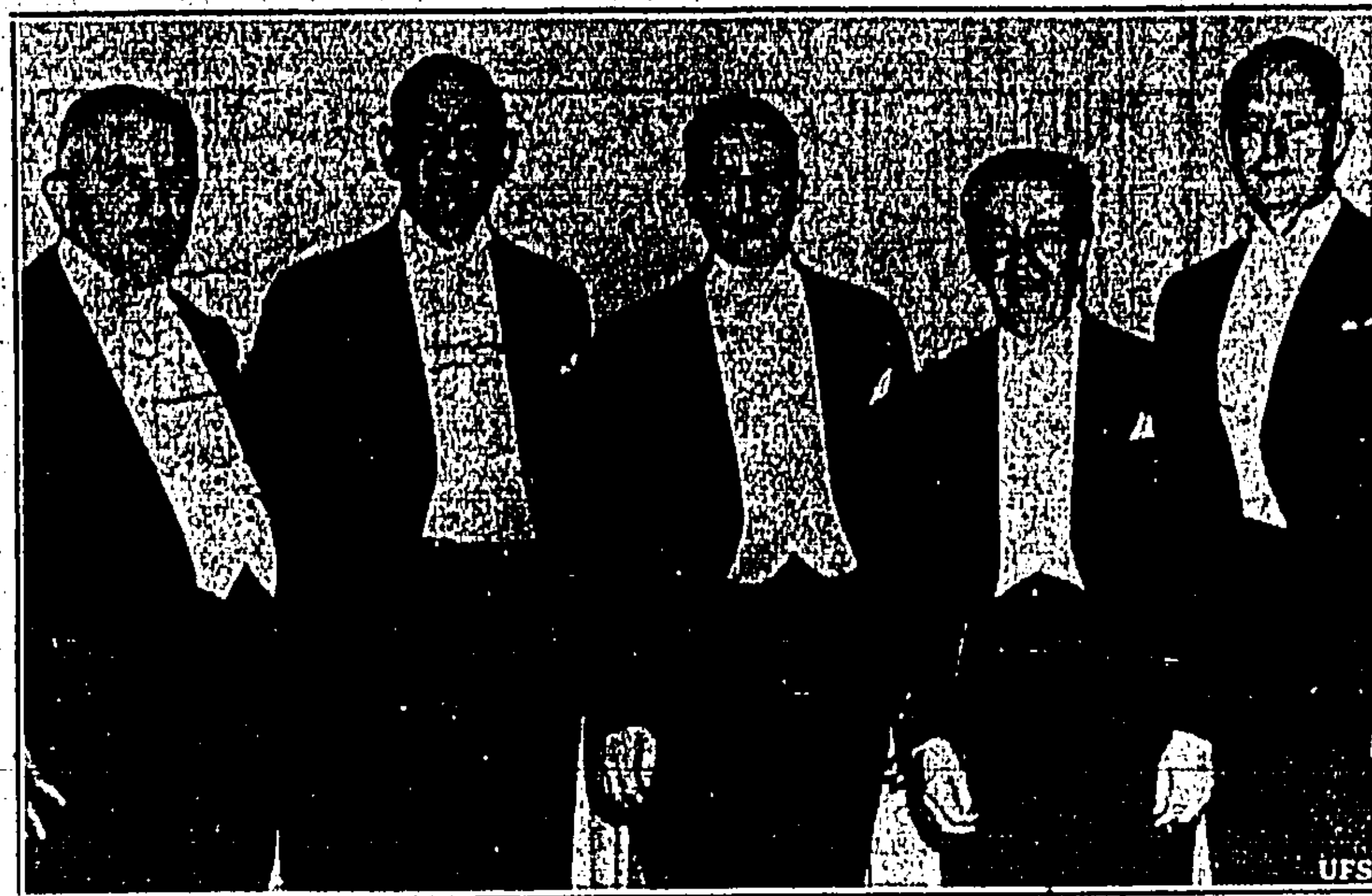
"He criticises his food and complains of cold. He has already ordered three dentists to attend to him."

Germans Have Wool Talks With Finns

Representatives from the official German Sheep Farming Association are visiting Finland to investigate the possibility of developing local sheep farming and the export of wool to Germany.

The Reich claims that Europe's woolen industry must be self-supporting.

The Germans promise to absorb "entire Finnish wool surplus."



NEWSMEN HONORED—For fostering cooperation among Americas, Columbia University awarded Maria Moors Cabot prizes to newspapermen above. From left: Rafael H. Valle, Mexico City; Agustín Edwards, Chile; Dean Carl W. Ackerman, Columbia; Enrique Santos, Colombia; and James Irvin Miller, Buenos Aires, vice president, United Press in South America.

Drowned During Heart Attack

Death from drowning by falling into a stream after a heart attack was recorded at the Swansea Inquest on Sir Harold Carpenter, the distinguished metallurgist, who was found lying face downwards in a small stream in Clyne Valley, Swansea.

Dr. Vyvyan Davies, in evidence, said that Sir Harold's heart was in such a condition that he might have died at any moment. He thought Sir Harold had had either a fainting fit or a heart attack.

Lady Carpenter said that Clyne Valley was a favourite walk of her husband's.

Historic Monastery Damaged By Fire

Fire has damaged the Cistercian Monastery on Caldy Island, opposite Tenby, South Wales.

The Abbey was built by a community of Anglican monks and afterwards passed into the possession of the Roman Catholic Church. For a number of years it has been occupied by French Cistercian monks.

Messerschmitts For Sale

TWO Messerschmitt fighters, in perfect condition, are being offered for sale in America by the British Ministry of Aircraft Production.

They are a Messerschmitt 109 and a Messerschmitt 110. The offer was recorded in the American newspapers recently.

The Ministry is asking 125,000 dollars (£31,250) for each of them, cash down—although, in the event of competition between prospective buyers, the planes will go to the highest bidder.

The Ministry has guaranteed delivery of the machines in New York. The money from the sale of the machines, a spokesman of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production explained, would be used to build more British fighters—which would, in turn, bring in more German prizes for sale.

TOWER MAJOR

Gets Pay Back

Major A. D. Wintle, M.C., of the 1st Royal Dragoons, the Officer in the Tower, who was court-martialled on August 27 after being detained since June 22, was recently notified that his pay had been restored.

It was not until his court-martial that Major Wintle learned his Army pay had been stopped during the time he was a prisoner in the Tower.

There were three charges made at the court-martial, but on only one, a civil offence alleging that he assaulted Air Commodore Boyle, was the major found guilty. The court ordered him to be severely reprimanded.

Before sentence was promulgated, Major Wintle was ordered to report to a depot for service overseas.

Just Missed Goebbels

A 15-pound incendiary bomb fell ten feet from Dr. Goebbels' house during the R.A.F. raid on Berlin recently.

It tore a deep crater in the garden, spoiling a bed of rose bushes—so the German official news agency reported.

The report does not mention where Dr. Goebbels was at the time. It was known that all the Nazi leaders have deep underground shelters.

Berlin also alleges that the Reichstag was bombed.

The fury of Goebbels is intense. One Nazi spokesman said:—

"I wouldn't give a farthing for the Houses of Parliament. Now that our Reichstag has been bombed there is no reason why we should not bomb the British Parliament out of existence."

Professor Killed By "Enemy Action"

The death of Professor William Waddington Cooke, seventy-two-year-old professor of music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, was announced recently.

His house in a London suburb received a direct hit several days ago, and the death announcement stated: "Previously reported missing, now declared to have been killed as a result of enemy action."

Nazis Lose Plans For New Berlin

Hitler—if he ever gets the chance—will have to begin all over again with many of his plans for the reconstruction of Berlin and provincial areas.

For in the destruction, as the result of a recent big raid by the R.A.F., of the Academy of Arts building in the Prater Platz, Berlin, there perished also the greater part of the models and plans for the Nazi rebuilding scheme.

They were in the office of Professor Speer, general inspector of Reich constructions. The office was completely ruined.

Chancery Court Demolished

One Chancery Court was demolished when a high explosive bomb crashed into the west wall of the main Law Courts building during recent air raids.

The Lord Chancellor's Court on one side and another Chancery Court on the other were extensively damaged. Windows in all courts in the West Gallery on the first floor were smashed.

The bomb appeared to have broken through to the ground floor, where the blast shattered some of the valuable stained glass windows in the great hall.

The west window of Westminster Abbey has been slightly damaged, a few small squares being broken.

Prayers As Bombed Boy Is Rescued

As twelve-year-old Ronnie Eldridge was rescued from the ruins of his bombed home in East London recently, a dean, wearing an Army chaplain's uniform, recited the Lord's Prayer, bystanders joining in.

Rescue parties had worked for three hours to release Ronnie, as gas roared and a radder hovered overhead.

Though injured, Ronnie smiled gamely as he was laid on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

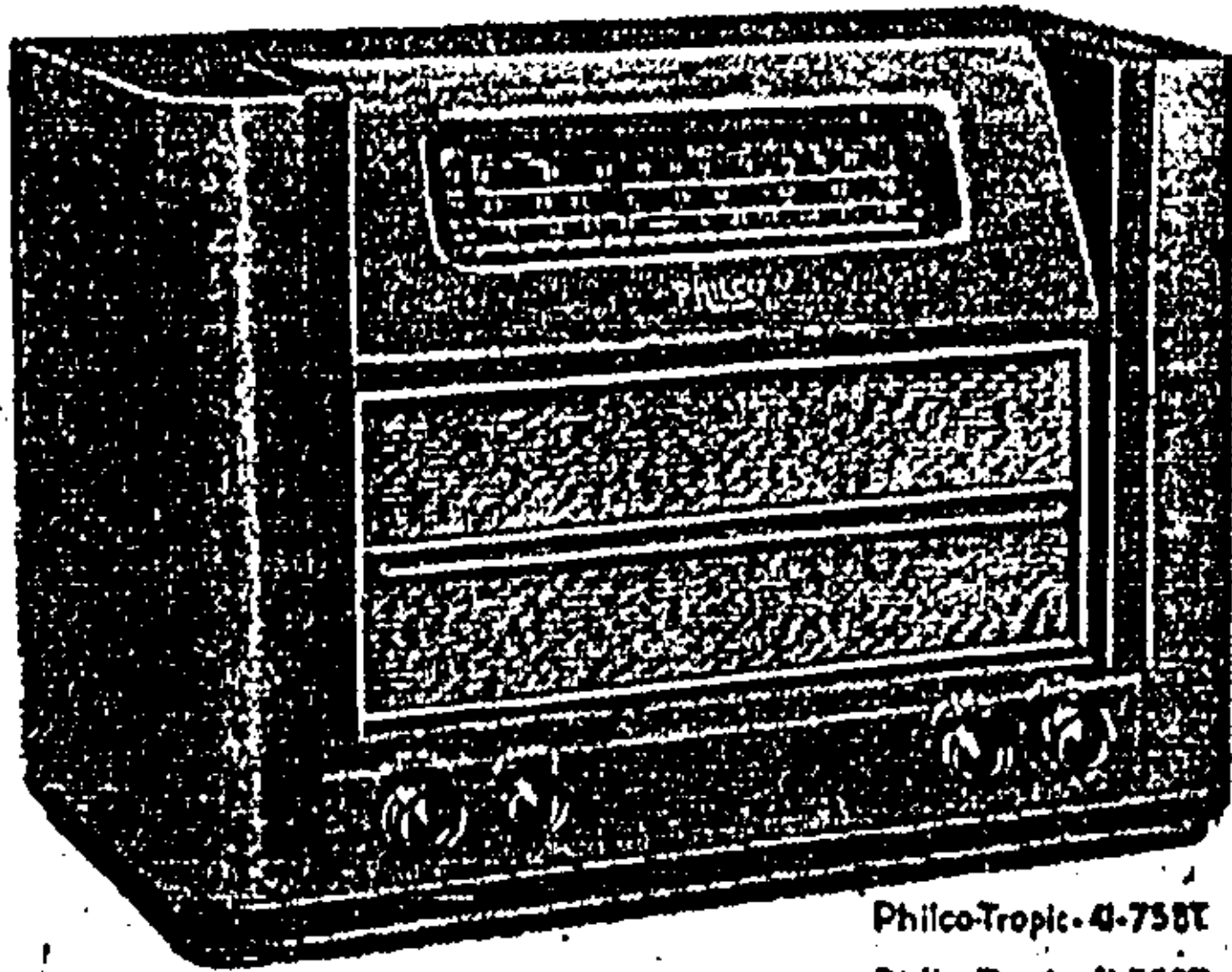
The bomb which scored a direct hit on his home killed his mother and a lodger, Miss Vincent, and two other people in an adjoining house, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

BRITAIN AND U.S. TIN SMELTERS

Revealing that the United States government has undertaken to give Great Britain a call of one-third of the production of the new tin smelter which is to be erected in America, if required, "The Financial Times" asserts that there is no possibility of ultimate conflict after the war between British and American smelting companies.

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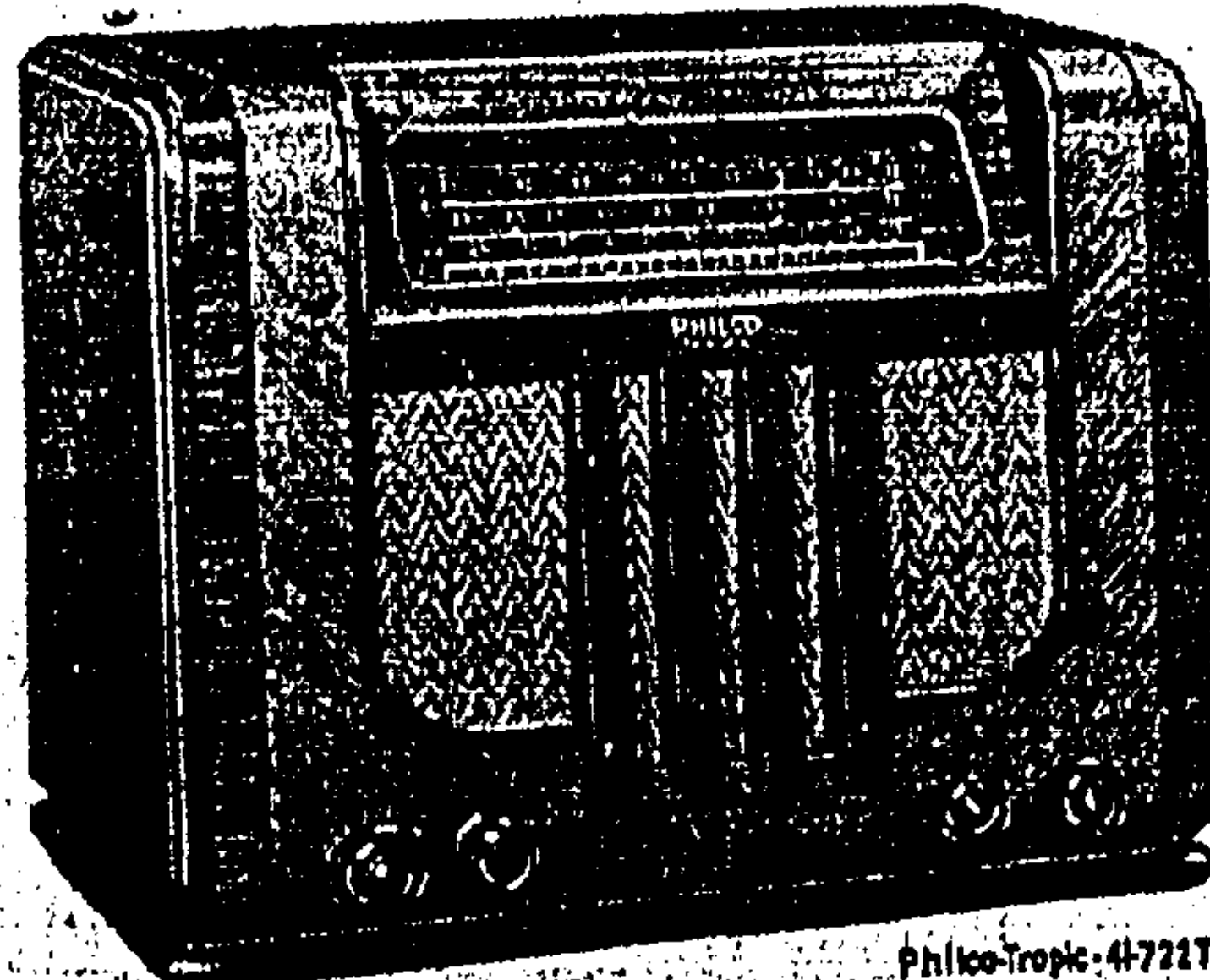
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Girls Escape From Nazi Prison Camp

AFTER escaping from a German prison camp by a secret route, Miss Bessie Myers, young daughter of a London stockbroker, and her friend, Miss Mary Derby, also of London, have reached home safely.

"We got here by luck and good management," Miss Myers said in London.

But she would not disclose how they got away or where they had come from.

"That must remain an official secret," she said.

The girls were led into a trap by a Fifth Columnist and captured by a German mechanised column while driving ambulances in France.

Driver's Trick

With three other drivers—Miss Marjorie Jute, South African author and airwoman, Miss Penelope Otto, of King's Sutton, Oxfordshire, and Miss Ursula Bennett, whose home was in Paris—they were serving with the Sixth French Army.

One June 14, while driving ambulances loaded with equipment, they took the road the refugees were using.

A Dutch ambulance driver told them the road was blocked with refugees and suggested that they should take a left-hand fork.

A few miles farther on they drove into a German column of tanks and machine guns. The Dutch driver told the Germans the girls were English and he was treated like a hero.

The Germans took the ambulances with them, but during a halt the girls had a quick discussion, and when the column started to move again, three of them turned and accelerated in the opposite direction.

"A Handful"

They got away, but Miss Myers and Miss Derby were not so lucky. It was impossible for them to follow.

For weeks they were held prisoner. Then Miss Myers' father heard that they were in the care of the French military authorities at Vichy.

"After that I didn't worry," Mr. Myers said. "I reckon the Germans found Bessie too much of a handful. 'Nothing would daunt her once she had decided on a plan of escape."



IN HOLY LAND—Australian soldiers find new scenes and new faces. Here they fraternize with Greek orthodox priests in Gaza district of Palestine.

THURSDAY'S BRIDE IS FRIDAY'S PRISONER

HELEN WILLIAMS, aged twenty-six, of Kennington Park-road, S.E., was married on a Thursday. The next day, her first day as Mrs. Hoy, wife of Michael Hoy, she was sent to prison for three months.

Her husband appealed to Mr. Boyd, the Marlborough-street magistrate, to give her "just one last chance."

"I will take her out of all bad company," he said. "I have a good job and can allow her £5 a week. I love her very much and I will take her right away and take all responsibility."

"She has promised never to do anything like this again."

But Mr. Boyd said he was extremely sorry—it was impossible for him to yield to the appeal.

This was not the first time Helen Williams had been convicted of shoplifting. It was the fourth.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO NAVY

The Italian war effort is belittled in the weekly article entitled "In the News," which is universally attributed to Mr. W. R. Hearst, appearing in the "New York Journal American."

"Italy threatened to conquer Egypt, but that is an empty threat," says the article. "Within the past week England's great Navy drove the Italian fleet to take refuge in flight in the Dodecanese Archipelago, and when the Mediterranean had been swept clear of Italian warships the English Navy safely conducted a mighty convoy laden with soldiers from the Dominions to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal. It will be a difficult task for Italy to capture the Canal now."

The article adds that the Italian Air Force has proved ineffective against formidable sea power.

LUXURIES TAXED In Yugoslavia

A special tax of from 5 to 25 per cent, to provide food this winter for the poorer classes has been imposed in Yugoslavia on incomes of more than £400. Special food taxes have also been introduced in luxury establishments and on refreshments served after 10 p.m.

Many prosecutions for hoarding are taking place.

A decree instructing teachers in the Belgrade area to refuse to accept school fees from Jewish parents, which was regarded as balloon desecration, has been withdrawn owing to public disapproval.

American Squadron With R.A.F.

The first American squadron of the R.A.F. is being formed. Its pilots will all be airman volunteers from the U.S., and the name of this fighter unit is the Eagle Squadron.

The Air Minister (Sir Archibald Sinclair) said that the Eagle Squadron will soon take its place in the fighting line.

Ground staff will be supplied by the R.A.F., but qualifications to be a pilot are American citizenship and a minimum of 250 hours' flying experience.

Thirty-five American pilots are training. Some were serving in the French forces when France collapsed. They escaped to Britain.

Commissioned

Each man accepted is given a commission in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve. He takes no special oath of allegiance and his service with a foreign force is permitted by the U.S. Government. On his R.A.F. uniform is a spread eagle badge surmounted by the letters "E.S."

In command is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, one-time pilot in the U.S. Naval Air Service who went to Britain last year and was granted a commission in the Fleet Air Arm.

Behind the administration and formation of future units, is Colonel Charles Sweeney, now ranked as Group Captain.

He was one of the organizers of the American volunteers who joined the French Army in 1914 and later he formed the famous Escadrille Lafayette.

Norway Ministers' Property Seized

All property in Norway belonging to members of the exiled Norwegian Government and to Dr. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, has been confiscated, according to messages received in Stockholm from Oslo.

Norwegian announcers taking part in the B.B.C.'s Norwegian broadcasts are to be warned that unless they cease they will be deprived of their property and their Norwegian citizenship.



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BRIDE'S APPEAL For Young Husband

A young smartly dressed woman unsuccessfully appealed for bail for her husband at Cambridge recently. They had been married for only

three days. "He will be a better boy now he's married," she said. Cecil Donald Smith, aged twenty-one, described as a gardener of Wimpole, Cambs, was remanded in custody charged with stealing two chairs, a feather bed and a pair of curtains from a vacant house.

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IN VIOLENT FIGHTING—The famous Evzones of Greece, crack mountain troops, are taking part in some of the most violent fighting between the Italians and the Greeks on disputed borders. They're shown above in their "balloon skirt" uniforms, as guards of the palace in Athens.

FRENCH INVADE THAILAND

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province of Thailand is supporting independence agitators in Indo-China by supplying large quantities of arms.

American Evacuate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Dec. 22 (UP).—The United States Minister, Mr. Hugh Grant, understands that the majority of American missionary women and children have been evacuated from the dangerous areas on the frontier, in accordance with his advice. Mr. Grant said that only a few men have remained at the frontier to protect property.

Mr. Grant has completed plans to care for American men in Thailand, one half of whom are in Bangkok.

May Negotiate

VICHY, Dec. 22 (UP).—Despatches from the Saigon indicate that the situation between Indo-China and Thailand is improving.

The French Government, declared the despatches, feel that the authorities at Bangkok are not opposed to a resumption of negotiations between the French and the Thais, but which never occurred when the Thais, instead of proceeding with friendly negotiations to settle the disputed possession of the Mekong river islands, chose, instead, to take direct action.

The French announce that if the Thais want to negotiate with M. Garmier, the French Minister to Thailand who is now in possession of full instructions, they will be able to engage in conversations immediately.

Lord Halifax Is New Ambassador

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Inclusion of Mr. Lloyd George in the Government in a non-departmental capacity, possibly in charge of the home front, with general responsibility such as war production or the food situation. Such a change, if feasible, is likely to be gradual however.

Mr. Eden is expected to adopt a more moderate line in dealing with Spain and Italy, and to be more inclined than Lord Halifax to seek a democratic solution to the Italian problem and not shirk to any measures to overthrow Fascism.

In the Far Eastern policy, too, Mr. Eden is known to favour a staunch collaboration with the United States, including generous support to China. Lord Halifax shares that attitude, although Mr. Eden is expected to give a fresh drive to the foreign policy in the Asiatic as well as other fields. Captain Margesson's appointment is a complete surprise.

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Army Win Annual Yacht Race By One Point

The annual race between the Army and the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club took place yesterday.

Results.	
Army	Pts.
Capt. J. Krogh-Bor, W. F. Webb	7
L. Garner, T. C. Fairburn	7
C. F. Hyde, J. D. McClatchie	6
C. C. Blake, J. L. Anderson	6
Total	17

Afternoon Race

Army	
Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, C. B. D.S.O.	6
Capt. A. O. G. Mills, Capt. A. J. Le Seclieur	8
Major G. E. New, P. A. Belton	9
Capt. R. L. Derridge, J. O. M. Wedderburn	3
Total	16

Morning

Army	
Capt. A. O. G. Mills, Capt. A. J. Le Seclieur	8
Major G. E. New, P. A. Belton	3
Major Gen. A. E. Grasett, C. B. D.S.O.	2
Capt. R. L. Derridge, J. O. M. Wedderburn	1
Total	14

Results.

Army	
L. Garner, T. C. Fairburn	3
Capt. J. Krogh-Bor, W. F. Webb	4
C. F. Hyde, J. D. McClatchie	4
C. C. Blake, J. L. Anderson	4
Total	15

Total 33

REFUGEE CHILDREN

Fund For Provision Of 20 Homes

A plan to raise HK\$400,000 for the establishment of 20 homes for the care and education of 10,000 refugee children has been drawn up by the South China Christian Educational and Industrial Association for Homeless War Refugee Children, sponsored by Bishop R. O. Hall and several other prominent local citizens.

The money it is understood, will be raised in different places. The quotas are: Hongkong, \$50,000; Macao, \$25,000; Shanghai, Philippines, Hainan, Kwangchowwan, Saigon, Thailand, Burma, Singapore and Java, \$75,000; Australia and New Zealand, \$75,000; the United States, \$100,000; Canada, \$50,000 and Hawaii, \$25,000.

One home for refugee children has already been established in Wuchow, east Kwangsi.

A number of prominent local residents are among the advisers, sponsors and members of the Association, including Dr. C. T. Wang, former Chinese Ambassador to the United States, Dr. W. W. Yen, former Chinese Ambassador to Soviet Russia, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Sir Robert Kotewall, Mr. Yeh Kung-chao, Dr. Chung Ying-kwong, Professor Hsu Ti-shan, the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. O. K. Yui, Mr. E. H. Lockwood, and Dr. Irene Ho Tung.

FIGHT AT CABARET

The Emergency Unit turned out last night when the Central Police Station received a telephone message that a fight between some 15 people was taking place in the China Emporium Cabaret. However when the Police arrived, the alleged disturbers had dispersed.

LATE NEWS

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United States Prepares Her War Machine

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
NEW YORK, Dec. 22 (UP).—Mr. Jesse Jones, President of the Imports and Exports Bank, in a speech here to-day, predicted that defence establishments in the United States will soon be working 24 hours a day with "little quibbling about costs."

"We hope the war will not reach us, but whether we like to contemplate it or not, it would be foolhardy not to realize that war is a reasonable possibility," he exclaimed.

BRITISH PLANES FLY 1,600 MILES TO BOMB OIL DUMPS AT VENICE

LONDON, DEC. 22 (UP).—BRITISH BOMBERS, CARRYING OUT THE MOST EXTENSIVE RAIDS OF THE WAR LAST NIGHT, DUMPED HUNDREDS OF TONS OF BOMBS FROM OSLO TO VENICE.

THE RAID ON VENICE WAS THE FIRST OF THE WAR, AND IN MAKING THE TRIP, WHICH IS THE GREATEST DISTANCE THE R.A.F. HAS YET ATTEMPTED.

Lord Halifax Is New Ambassador

Cabinet Changes Announced

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP).—The Foreign Office issued a statement to-day saying: "The King is graciously pleased to approve the following appointments: His Majesty's Ambassador to Washington, the Right Honourable Viscount Halifax, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, the Right Honourable Anthony Eden, Secretary of State for War, Captain David Margesson.

SHANGHAI MURDER

Pro-Japanese Police Officer Shot

SHANGHAI, Dec. 23 (Reuters).—Another murder, believed to be due to political reasons, occurred yesterday evening. The victim, Chen Kwan-yen, is reported to be one of the leading figures in the Japanese-sponsored Shanghai Municipality Police.

Chen was shot to death by two Chinese gunmen who entered the room in a hotel in the International Settlement where he was entertaining a lady friend and fired two shots, killing him instantly.

A Chinese servant of the hotel was also shot but not seriously.

India Rated Unpleasant

Japanese Complaints Of Oppression

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOJI, Dec. 22 (Domei).—India has become an unpleasant place for Japanese residents, and the British authorities there subject Japanese to various forms of oppression, declared Mr. Akiyoshi Komatsu, chief of the Mitsui Bussan Kaisha office at Karachi, when he arrived here to-day.

Mr. Komatsu who has been in India for 15 years and who returned here with 155 other Japanese evacuees aboard the Haruna Maru, declared that Japanese export goods have been so restricted that day by day trade is declining.

"Our attempts to enlighten the natives about Japan through motion pictures and pamphlets have resulted in interference by British officials, and whenever Japanese leave their residences they are followed by police who continually watch wherever they go," Mr. Komatsu asserted.

Bangkok Reports Repelling Of French Invasion Of Thailand

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BANGKOK, Dec. 22 (UP).—A High Command communiqué says that Thai forces repulsed the French troops which, for the first time, entered Thai territory on December 20 at Klongloek near Nakorpanom.

The communiqué said that the French shelled Bonnapon in the same sector on December 21, and that there was a machine-gun duel on December 20 at Bandan, where a number of Moroccan troops were killed, but there were no casualties on the Thai side.

Throughout Indo-China, they said, "the entire French rule is shaken."

Well informed circles declared that the "Free Annam" party in Khmers provinces of Thailand is supporting independence agitators in Indo-China by supplying large quantities of arms.

Meanwhile, the Bangkok radio is relaying Admiral Secour's speech of last night that "Indo-China is peaceful" and that there is no war.

Widespread Night Raids on Britain

Special to the "Telegraph"

LONDON, Dec. 22 (UP).—There was considerable activity in the east Midlands for the third successive night. Waves of planes were heard proceeding northwest and some gun fire was heard at 8.20 p.m.

Australian Navicerts

Japanese Affected By Restrictions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SYDNEY, Dec. 22 (Domei).—Extending to Australia the British maritime "squeeze play" against Japan, restrictions have been imposed upon the taking of supplies of water, fuel and food by Japanese ships without warrants from London certifying the vessels' ownership.

MALAYA'S DEFENCES

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—The mainland of Malaya, in addition to Singapore and Penang, is being put in a state of defence, said Sir Shenton Thomas, Governor of the Straits Settlements, in a broadcast yesterday.

Schemes for bringing the civilian defence services to a higher state of efficiency will be accelerated and extended. The complete registration of all women available for war work will be carried out immediately.

U.S. Naval Orders

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—The United States Navy has placed orders totalling approximately \$234,000,000 for submarine chasers and auxiliaries, including four vessels designed for placing and submerging nets at the entrances of strategic harbours.

THE WAR ZONE IN ALBANIA



TEPELIN'S FATE IS SEALED

Greeks Win Vital Positions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BUDAPEST, Dec. 22 (UP).—The fate of Tepelini and the Greek radio to-day. It was stated that despite all counter-attacks, strong resistance and heavy artillery fire, the Greeks in the coastal and central sectors drove out the Italians from their vital positions, with great losses to the Italians.

Vichy Reassures Syria

VICHY, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—"If Marshal Petain is determined to take no military initiative against anyone, he is also determined to preserve for France what she has acquired from pain," declared General Berget, the French Minister for Air, in a broadcast from Beirut, reported by the French news agency.

General Berget said that he would be able to report very favourably to Marshal Petain following his inspection of the French air force in Syria and Lebanon.

"Men of Syria and Lebanon: I can assure you that in spite of his pre-occupations in Europe, the Marshal is not forgetting any territory where the French flag waves. You can have complete confidence in the Marshal as he has confidence in you."

LATEST

JAPANESE BLOCKADE EXTENDED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Dec. 22 (Domei).—Further extension of the Japanese naval blockade of the China Coast to the southern coast of Kwangtung Province east and west of Luchow Peninsula was announced in a proclamation issued by the Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Fleet in the China Seas, Admiral Shikata.

According to a communiqué issued by the Press Bureau of the Japanese Navy, the blockade was extended to the coast of the Gulf of Tonkin.

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GEN. GRAZIANI ADMITS ITALIANS WIPED OUT:

Special to the "Telegraph"

ROME, DEC. 22 (UP).—MARSHAL GRAZIANI HAS SENT A REPORT TO MUSSOLINI ON THE ANGLO-ITALO BATTLES IN EGYPT, CONCLUDING WITH THE WORDS: "IT IS PREMATURE TO MAKE ANY PREDICTIONS IN THIS TITANIC BATTLE. IF THE BRITISH ARMoured UNITS ARE MARKING TIME BEFORE THE FORT OF BARDIA, THIS IS DUE EXCLUSIVELY TO THE BRAVERY OF THE ITALIAN SOLDIERS."

MARSHAL GRAZIANI REVEALED THAT THE BATTLE HAD BEEN MOST SANGUINARY. HE SAID THAT A NUMBER OF ITALIAN DETACHMENTS HAD BEEN WIPED OUT WHILE RESISTING AT SIDI BARRANI AND AT OTHER POINTS.

He emphasised that the British attack at Sidi Barrani came as no surprise, but that the superiority of British armoured units forced the Italians into an orderly retreat.

Graziani said that the battle for Bardia was continuing. He stressed the importance of the British air and naval forces in the British attack, at the same time saying that Italian action had been hindered by sandstorms.

Marshal Graziani claimed that at least 42 British planes had been brought down and probably 20 more.

He revealed that the British attack occurred a few days before the Italian attack on Matruh was scheduled.

Mopping-Up
LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—British mechanised troops are still clearing up in the area north-west of Bardia, destroying odd pockets of resistance and making sure that Marshal Graziani will not be able to reinforce the garrison at Bardia itself.

British Headquarters in Cairo announced today that our troops around Bardia are being steadily reinforced. A further seven guns from a frontier post we recently occupied have now been collected.

The situation on other fronts is "unchanged."
Some of the thousands of prisoners taken in the Western Desert have been sent to Palestine where they are being put in a special camp in the central Judean plain. Some 2,000 arrived on Saturday.

British Communique
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
CAIRO, Dec. 22 (UP).—The General headquarters communique says, "Egypt; reinforcements are steadily reaching our troops in the Bardia area. A further seven guns have been collected from the enemy on the frontier posts which we recently occupied. On other fronts the situation is unchanged."

Rome Reports
ROME, Dec. 22 (UP).—To-day's communique states that British planes bombed Tripoli and Fezzan. Italian aircraft were very active at Cyrenaica, Upper Sudan. In Albania dive bombers attacked enemy bases and communication lines on the Greek front. Four Italian and eleven enemy planes were shot down.

Counter-Offensive Broken
Near Kilisra the Italian counter-offensive broke down and the Greeks, with violent bayonet charges, drove them out of their fortified positions, near Chimara, states the radio.
Heavy fighting continues though the Greek position is favourable.
In the assault on Tepelini the Italians suffered heavy losses, wounded and prisoners and quantities of equipment including ten field pieces.

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Yunnan Towns Bombed
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
KUNMING, Dec. 22 (UP).—Twelve Japanese bombers heavily bombed Koku in Yunnan to-day, but it is impossible at present to ascertain the damage.
Eight other Japanese planes bombed the railway town of Tsutse which is near Mengtze.

SWORDFISH LOST
LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—The British submarine Swordfish (Lieut. M. A. Langley), is overdue and must be considered lost, according to an Admiralty communique.

Hitler—Santa Claus Or God Almighty?

LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuter).—Almighty God has called on Germany to lead the way to a purer and better world Herr Frank, the Nazi Governor-General of Poland, told an audience at Krakow during a Christmas celebration.

"This Christmas tree," he said, "brings us a sacred message that the German nation has been called upon to establish peace in Europe through Adolf Hitler's victory. The highest good and the greatest gift Almighty God has given to man is to be a German. We are proud to master the world as

Germany. Never before have we been so exalted."
Lonely Sublimity
Referring to Hitler, he said: "He sits in lonely sublimity; he is incomparably great in his uniqueness. Adolf Hitler is called upon to be the leader of the world unhampered by anyone. The Almighty has blessed this German nation so that it may carry the light into the wilderness."

ANOTHER GREEK BREAK-THROUGH

New Threat To Tepelini

ATHENS, Dec. 22 (UP).—It is reliably learned that following heavy fighting the Italians have been driven from their commanding positions on the Chimara mountain and are streaming northwards attempting to fortify and hold new positions south of Valona Bay.

A communique states that the Greek advance was continued on various fronts. Italian planes bombed Larissa, Janning, Patras, Levkas and Jannina and six Italian planes were shot down.

An official spokesman stated that on the northern front the Greeks captured 300 prisoners, eight cannon and other war materials.

At Budapest the Greek radio was heard describing the Greek capture near Tepelini of fortified positions that the Italians had claimed were impregnable.

The difficulty of reconciling the attitude of Congress Party leaders, who have openly expressed their awareness of the danger of Nazism and their hope that it would be defeated, and their action in breaking with the Government of India over the question of India's declaration of war to the extent of courting arrest and imprisonment, was mentioned by Mr. Edwin Haward in a press interview this morning.

Mr. Haward is Adviser on Indian Affairs and Deputy Director of the Far Eastern Bureau of the Ministry of Information. He spent many years in India, and was editor of the "Civil and Military Gazette" and "The Pioneer" from 1930 to 1938; he was editor of the "North China Daily News."

The new Constitution which Parliament devised for India in 1935 after six years' elaborate inquiry and consultation, said Mr. Haward, was designed to bring the Indian states into direct formal relationship with the eleven provinces of British India in a Federal Government responsible to a Federal Legislature, composed of representatives of the rulers of those States and the elected Legislatures of the Provinces.

Congress Protest
At the outbreak of war, the Congress Party, despite its sympathy with the decision to fight Hitler, resented the fact that India's entry into the war was brought about by the British Government's own formal declaration in London. India, said Mr. Haward, could not declare war on her own account since her central Government was, unlike the Dominions, still responsible to Parliament.

Congress leaders protested against this by the resignation of the eight Ministers named by their members. Since that time, the British Government had offered to enlarge the Viceroy's Cabinet in India, but the offer has not been taken up.

Though the decision of the Congress Party leaders was to be regretted, said Mr. Haward, there was a general feeling of unity in India over the issue of war. The Indian recognised that his country's future properly depended upon a British victory, and the Indian leaders who are behind the Congress Party are also of the same view.

Reason For Split
One reason for the split was the demand of Congress leaders for freedom of speech. The Government was willing to countenance freedom of speech to the utmost possible extent compatible with the war situation, but even in England, if objectors were to speak so as to embarrass and hinder the Government's war effort, they would be subject to arrest and punishment.

India's attainment of Dominion status, said Mr. Haward, would come in due time. Everything was being done to ensure that existing difficulties in regard to the minorities and other problems would be properly adjusted. India, said Mr. Haward, was a victim, her also, her climatic and ethnological complexities, and these questions required careful adjustment.

Mrs. Fickens, of 17, Observatory Road reported to the Police on Sunday that whilst driving a car in Nathan Road, she knocked down a Chinese woman who, apparently, was not injured.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Inter-cession.

12.30 Compositions of Beethoven.
1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Negro Spirituals sung by Paul Robeson (Hass).

1.13 Orchestra Raymonde.
1.30 Reuter & Rugby Press, Weather Forecast, and Announcements.

1.45 Dance Music by Billy Cotton & His Band.
2.15 Close down.

6.30 Closing local Stock Quotations.
6.32 Compositions of Rossini.

7.0 London Relay—The News.
7.15 London Relay—Questions of the Hour.

7.30 Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) and Ellen Joyce (Piano).

Minstrels (Debussy); Flight of the Bumble-Be (Rimsky-Korsakov); Danse Espagnole (La Vida Breve); De Falla; Yehudi Menuhin (Violin) with Piano accompaniment.

(Brahms), Au Bord D'une Source (Liszt), Ellen Joyce (Piano).

7.45 Studio—Talk on Coventry by Mrs. C. A. S. Russ.

7.55 Interlude.
Tales from the Orient—Waltz (Strauss, arr. Egg), Marek Weber & His Orchestra.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 This week's programmes.
8.07 Archibald Joyce Waltz Medley.

Viennese Waltz Orchestra.
8.15 London Relay—"Hi, Gang!"

9.0 London Relay—"The News" & News Commentary.

9.30 Humorous and Vocal Variety.
10.0 An hour of Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

Gayda's Hint

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
ROME, Dec. 22 (UP).—Simor Gayda in the newspaper "Voce d'Italia" to-day hints that further transfer of United States ships to Britain, as proposed by Mr. Ronald Cross, Minister of Shipping, might draw America into the war by provoking the tri-partite pact.

Generalissimo's Eldest Son

SHUIKWAN, Dec. 22 (Central News).—Major-General Chiang Ching-kuo, eldest son of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, and Superintendent of the 4th Administrative Area in Kiangsi Province, arrived in Shuiquan, Kwangtung, last Saturday. He called on General Li Han-yun, Chairman of the Kwangtung Provincial Government, conferred with him on official affairs and left for Hengyang yesterday.

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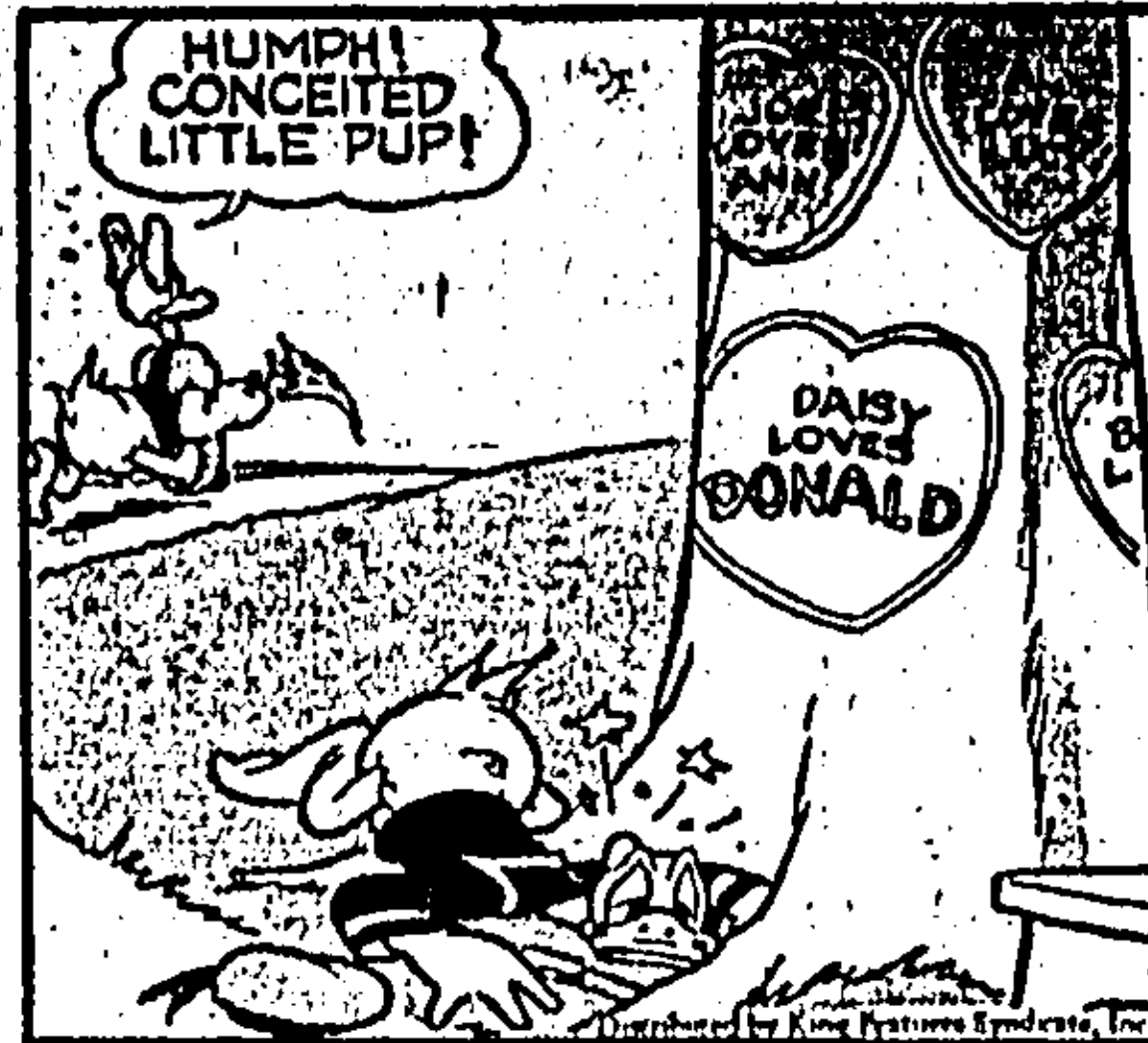
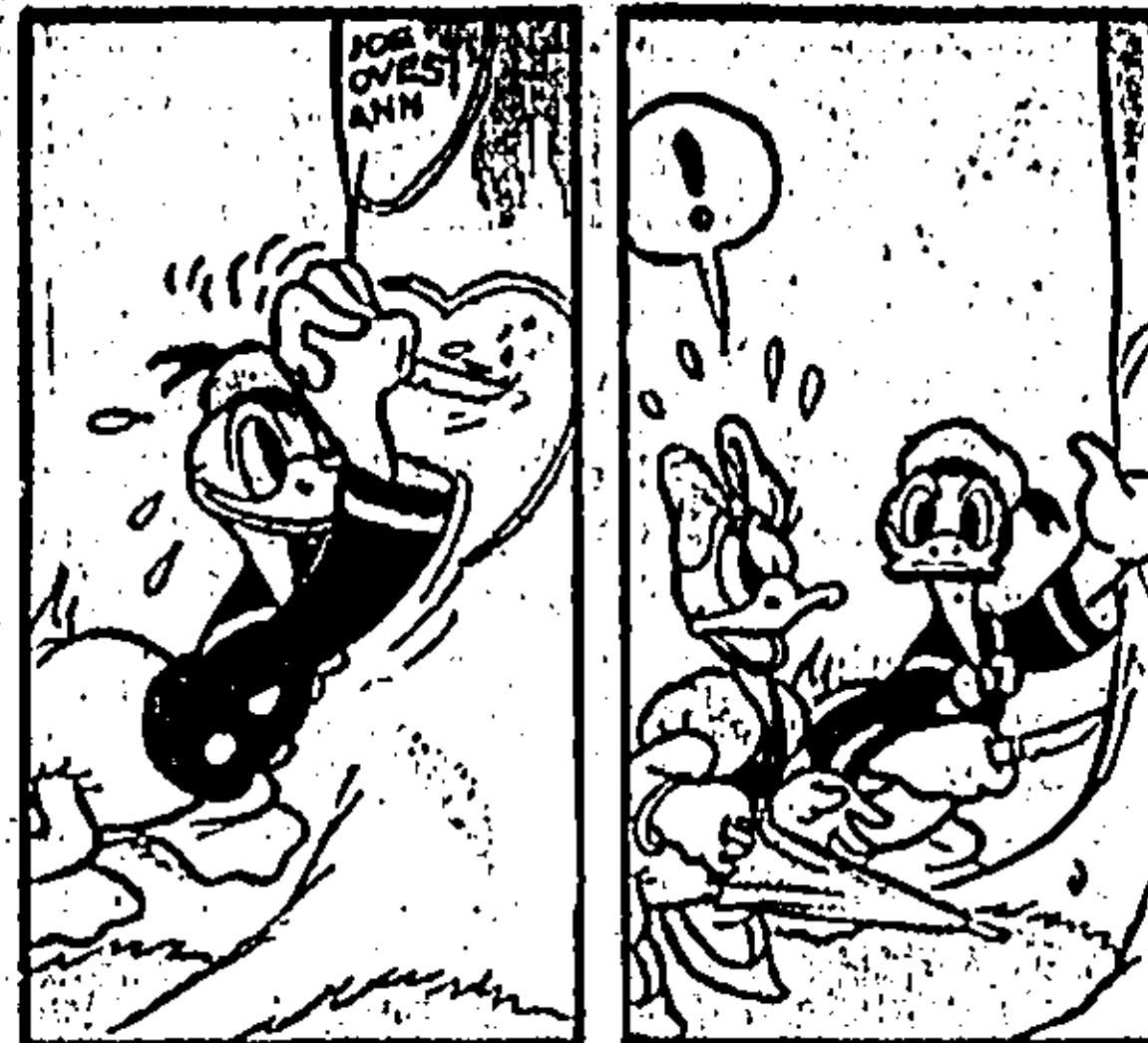
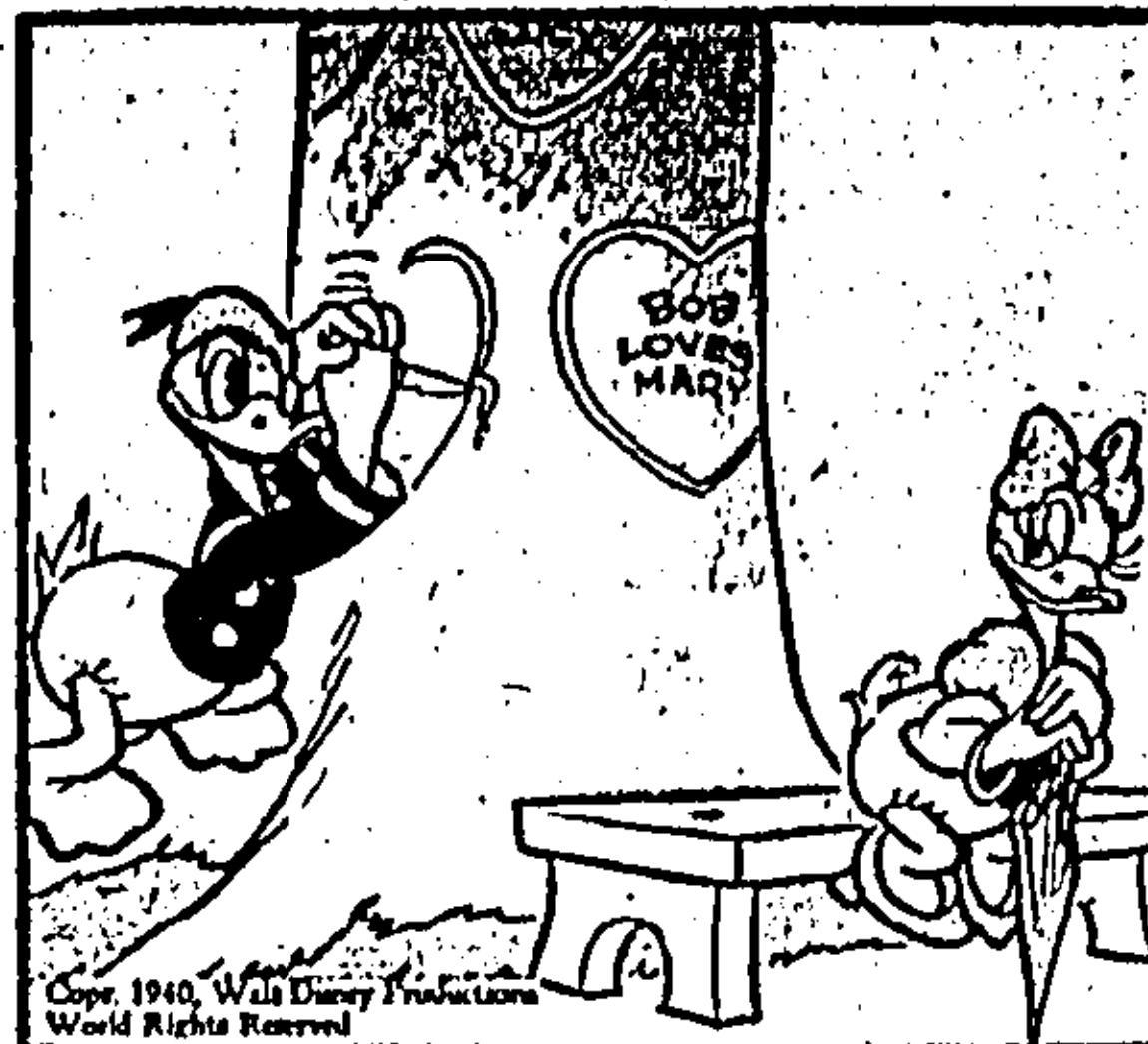
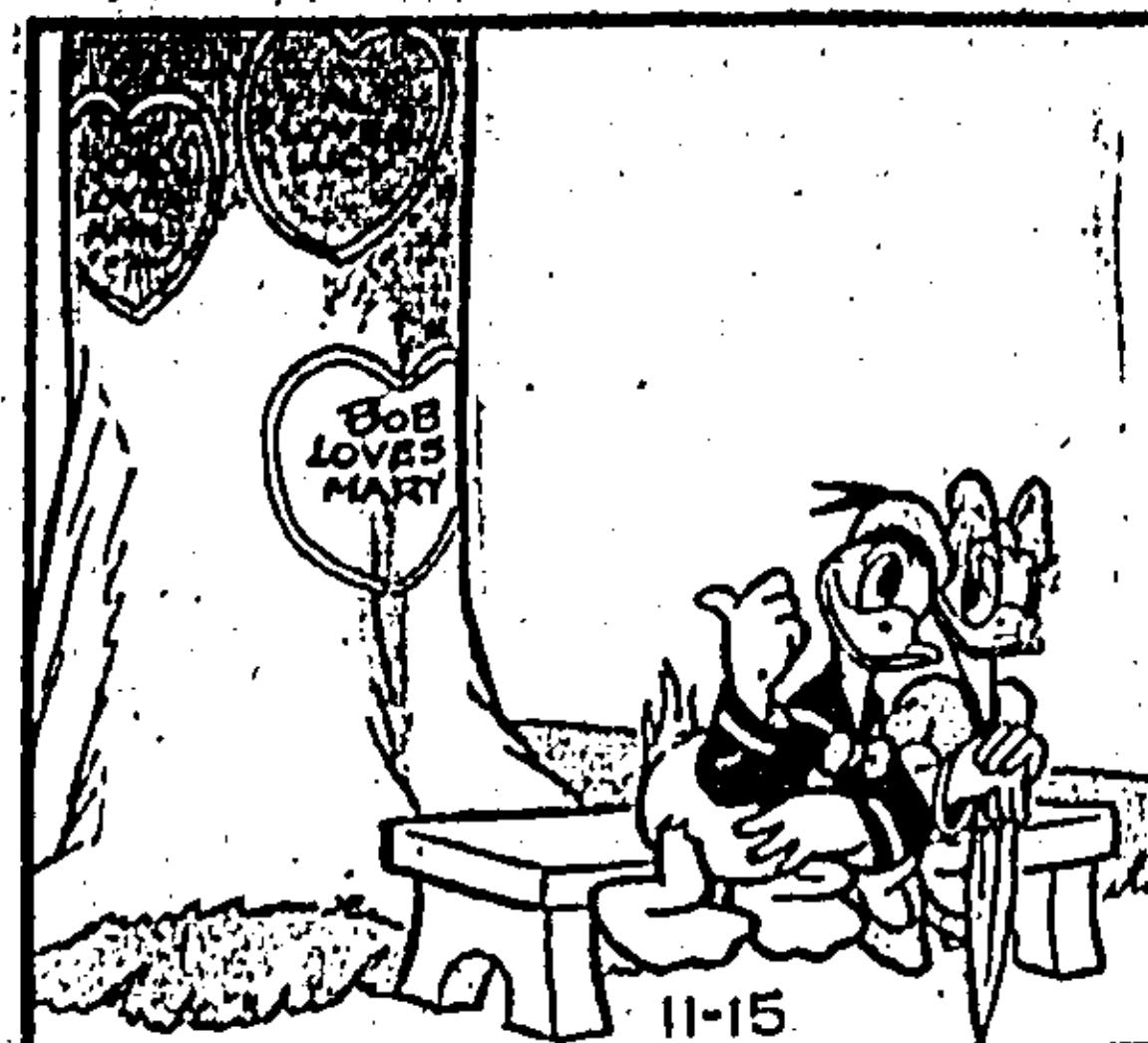
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Oil Bomb On
House Of
Lords

An oil bomb fell in the precincts of the Palace of Westminster recently. The House of Commons was unhurt, but the bomb crashed through the roof of a building attached to the House of Lords, penetrating to wash-houses on the first floor.

A fire was started but was quickly got under control by the fire-fighting squad and the police on duty. Buckets of sand and water were readily available. Hoses were connected with the fire-hydrants and the fire was subdued within a very short while. It is stated that some damage has been done to roofs, ceilings and fittings.

This is the first time that the Nazis have, even remotely, inflicted damage on the birthplace and home of Parliamentary Government, which they have sworn to destroy.

The damage is of so little consequence that Parliament might have continued its ordinary work in complete ignorance of the fact that its home had been damaged.



FORMER MINISTER GUILTY—Scene in French court at Clermont-Ferrand, as Jean Zay, sitting with hand to chin, former Minister of Education under Premiers Blum and Daladier, hears himself convicted of desertion in presence of enemy. He fled to Morocco with other French leaders when Nazis overran France.

U.S. Builds
1,000 Planes
Monthly

America's plane production is now nearly 1,000 a month, of which about 300 are shipped to Britain. Occasionally alarming reports are published such as one appearing in to-day's New York Times that there are only 300 American first line combat planes.

President Roosevelt dealt with these reports at a Press conference some time ago in answer to Republican charges that the defence programme was in a state of confusion. He pointed out that by assuming arbitrary definitions almost any kind of total could be reached.

He also said that since the first requirement was for trained pilots a large proportion of the planes delivered currently were for training purposes.

Gen. Marshall, Chief of Staff, was asked at a Press Conference how many first line bomber planes the army possessed and replied that the correct figure was about 1,500. He admitted however that only about 500 of these were comparable to the best which are being produced by Germany and Britain, that is to say only that number were provided with armoured protection and self-sealing petrol tanks.

Orders Increasing
Orders were, however, rapidly increasing and new contracts being signed.

Gen. Marshall summoned the conference to announce that several hundred army tanks, the actual numbers believed to be around 400, would be sold to Canada for training purposes.

These tanks are old models travelling no faster than 3 miles an hour. They used up petrol at such a rate that seven years ago Congress forbade the Army to use any more.

They will be sold to Canada in the same way as rifles and French 75's were sold to England. They will be declared as surplus and sold to a private company which can resell them to Canada.

FRENCH WILL NOT
ACCEPT FASCISM

"It seems to me that the only hope for an independent France, in our lifetime at least, is a British victory," declared "Perlinax", the French Journalist, in an interview with the "New York Post."

"Under the constant threat of pressure no Government can be free," he added. "Fascism will never sink into the French soul."

"Can you imagine our workers, our shopkeepers, who like to gather in little cafes and thrash out the problems of the world, marching, saluting, following a leader? Can you imagine them blindly obeying orders? Most of all, can you imagine them keeping silent?"

Reshuffle At
Ministry Of
Information

The Ministry of Information, it has been announced, is being reorganised in five departments—censorship of news, photographs; public relations; regional administration and home intelligence; news for overseas; control of films, posters, books and pamphlets; and general administration.

Two subsidiary divisions will deal with the relationship of the Ministry to the B.B.C. and the Board of Trade. Reductions of staff are in progress.

New U.S. Fighter
Reaches 500 M.P.H.

The new twin-engined Lockheed fighter plane has reached speeds of 500 m.p.h. at Burbank, California, with engines running only to half throttle, and is expected to reach 600 m.p.h.

It lands and takes off at 100 m.p.h. and can climb 4,000 feet in a minute, and carries a 30mm. cannon in the nose and numerous machine guns. It is not available for purchase by foreigners, but, it is said, Britain has ordered 800 of the export type, capable of over 400 m.p.h.

Escape Through Tunnel

A perilous journey through the labyrinth of vaults and tunnels of London's riverside was described by women who had been trapped in a shelter after bombs had destroyed the building over their heads.

Ten women and two men were in the shelter, which was under an old yard by a wharf. "We heard the crash as the building collapsed," one of them said, "and after standing still for a while, we began to see how we could get out."

"Two of the exits were completely blocked. Through the third we could see the glow of flames. We decided we had better take our chance through this one. We scrambled through amid thick dust and smoke, and found ourselves on the wharf."

"It was an enormous relief, but we were still, as far as we could tell, cut off from the streets. We shouted together to the bridge we could see not far away, and after a while a voice answered."

"They told us to wait, and said a boat would come for us, but in the end two policemen found their way through to us by land. We went down with them through passages and vaults we had known nothing about, until we came into a side-street some distance away from the fire."

It seems doubtful if they could have been rescued by water. The river at this point is filled with treacherous cross-currents and eddies. An expert said that unless the boat had been in the hands of a local lighterman, it would have been dashed to destruction against the pier of a bridge.

WOMAN NOT TO DRIVE
FOR 20 YEARS

Lucy Wood (46), of Park Terrace, Newcastle, was fined £50, with £20 costs, and had her driving licence suspended for 20 years at Newcastle recently, when she pleaded guilty to being under the influence of drink to such an extent as to be incapable of having proper control of a car.

MORE SABOTAGE
IN BELGIUM
—Mystery Fire

Further evidence is available that the Belgians are not settling down under their Nazi taskmasters. The people have been reminded by the German-controlled Brussels wireless station of the decree of the German High Command issued in May, under which instigation to lay down tools, to strike or to commit sabotage would be dealt with by a military tribunal.

At the same time the announcer issued a strong warning to Belgian municipal authorities, who, it was alleged, were not doing their duty in putting unemployed to work.

He also announced that there had been a fire in a rubber factory near Scharbeek. Efforts to extinguish the flames were in vain and the factory was entirely burnt out. Investigations were being made by the police.

Reprisals for sabotage in the province of Liege were also announced.

Cables belonging to the German army had been cut, and in consequence, it was stated, all men belonging to the "former Belgian army" who had been released and who were residing in three certain communes of the province would be seized by the Germans as prisoners of war.

If the guilty parties were not discovered shortly, more reprisals would take place.

SOVIET VIEW
OF BASES PACT

Moscow newspapers continue to take great interest in the Anglo-American "bases for destroyers" agreement. "Pravda", official organ of the Communist party, declares the agreement either covers, or will cover, the Far East, while "Trud", the Trade Unions paper, asserts that the Far East is undoubtedly included. It adds that judging from the recreation in the Japanese Press, nobody in Japan expects Anglo-American understanding to be based on the "Durma road agreement" precedent.

The "Red Fleet" declares that the decision to sell the destroyers is based on advice received from the American naval mission in London, and argues that this reflects the belief of American military circles in the possibility of defending Britain.

ROMAN PRINCES
EXILED BY
MUSSOLINI

Prince Filippo Dorio Pamphili and Prince Alessandro Torlonia, two prominent members of the Roman aristocracy, have arrived at Lugano, Switzerland. There is much speculation as to the reason.

Prince Pamphili owns the magnificent Palazzo Corso Umberto in Rome, which houses the most valuable private collection of artistic treasures in the city. He is suspected of anti-Fascist leanings. His wife is British, but as she became Italian by marriage, her British origin has hitherto caused no difficulties.

A New York report stated that Prince Pamphili and Prince Torlonia were among prominent Romans who had been either arrested or exiled because Mussolini was bent on suppressing defeatist talk in Italy.

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The WING ON
The Complete Christmas Store

Hongkong News of the Week

A Page For The Evacuees

Monday

December 16

Death Of Mrs. R. A. Wood. The death of Mrs. R. A. Wood, 40, occurred at Queen Mary Hospital today after a long illness. Mrs. Wood, wife of Major R. A. Wood, of the Royal Air Force, died at 11.15 a.m. after a long illness. She was born in 1900 and was married to Major Wood in 1925. She had three children: a son, Major R. A. Wood, and two daughters, Mrs. M. A. Wood and Mrs. J. A. Wood.

Sunday

December 15

Key Post Enrolments. The following have been enrolled in the Key-Post Group of the Hongkong Defence Reserve:

Messrs V. H. Freeman, F. E. Lawrence, P. D. Allen, H. Donner, G. F. Jeavons, E. L. Powell and M. Scott.

Mr. H. Barrett has been re-assigned from the Essential Services Group to the Key-Post Group, while the following have been permitted to quit:

Mr. F. F. Fieth, with effect from December 9; and Mr. J. W. Alabaster and Mr. W. R. Mansfield, with effect from December 11.

Mr. C. A. Owen has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant of the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force, with effect from November 25.

Mr. R. D. Gillespie has been appointed a Member of the Volunteer Advisory Committee in place of Mr. H. V. Wilkinson, D.S.O., with effect from December 4.

New U.S. Liner Arrives. The first of the seven new liners for the American President Lines round-the-world service, the President Jackson, arrived at Hongkong today on her maiden voyage from San Francisco.

This first liner will be followed at two month intervals by the other six liners. These smart, modern vessels which are commonly known as the modified C-2 type, have an estimated gross tonnage of 9,300; length over-all, 402 feet; breadth 60 feet and shaft horse power of 8,500. They have a normal sea speed of 16½ knots.

"Argus" Gems

With Acknowledgments

Sidi Barrani—Seedy Graziani.

American heading, "Grapes Of RAE In Berlin."

The Greeks have had another dazzling victory. It's all done with mirrors.

Looks as though there'll be few gift calendars this year. But then there'll be so few to date.

Imperial Airways are now known as British Overseas Airways. Offering us a sort of BOA Vista.

In Marshall, Mo. every year letters deluge a 52-year-old plumber and minister. His full name: Santa Claus.

"Italy may have to paddle her own canoe." Or perhaps she would prefer to lose her own row—anything but stand on her own legs.

The Police are likely to be examining vehicles for defective brakes. So far drivers with defective brains are nobody's business.

A thief got into the Members' Enclosure at the races and tried to pick a pocket. The crudity of his methods alienated all sympathy.

The new vessels will complete the 29,000 mile round-the-world voyage in 95 days. Their route will carry them to Cuba, Panama, California, Hawaii, Japan, Shanghai, Hongkong, Manila, Singapore, Penang, Bombay, Capetown, Port of Spain and back to New York.

The ships have accommodation for 100 passengers and a crew of 124. The spacious cabins are all outside and high amidships and provided with fresh air by a modern forced draught system. Each cabin has private shower or bath and toilet facilities and is fitted with wide twin beds and a pullman berth for an additional passenger.

Golf Results. Low scoring featured the December qualifying round of the Adamson Cup Competition at Happy Valley during the week-end, when S. T. Butlin returned a card of 70-122=64 to qualify. Other scores were G. W. Reeve 80-13=87 and J. W. MacDonald 76-7=83.

The Bogey (Par) Pool at Fanling during the past week-end drew 11 entries and was won by G. T. Harrington (2) who ended four up.

The first round matches in the G. M. Young Inter-Hong Cup resulted as follows:

Gibb, Livingston received a bye; Butterfield and Swire beat Dodwell and Co. Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation beat Standard Vacuum Oil Co.; Chartered Bank beat Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd.

Monday

December 16

Hours of yesterday morning. Mr. K. K. Lee, food contractor to the Government, died at 11.15 a.m. on Sunday and was buried in the morning. He was 55 years old and was married to Mrs. K. K. Lee. He had three children: a son, Mr. K. K. Lee, and two daughters, Mrs. M. K. Lee and Mrs. J. K. Lee.

Crown Land Sales. Three lots of land were auctioned at the Public Works Department Offices by Mr. B. H. C. Hallows, Acting Superintendent of Crown Land and Surveys, on Sunday.

One lot was sold at the upset price, but bidding was brisk for the other two, one of which, Pokfulam 9339, was sold for three times the upset price. The purchaser was Mr. Yu Ping, on behalf of the Dor Fook Co., Ltd., No. 52, Wing Lok Street.

It was understood that a European style residential building, to cost about \$100,000, will be erected on this site, which has an area of 15,000 square feet and stands opposite the Blind Home in Pokfulam Road. The bid price was \$3,000 and the annual rental is \$172.

New Kowloon Island Lot No. 2633. at the junction of Un Chau and Cheung Fat Streets, Cheung Sha Wan, comprising 4,000 square feet, was offered for sale at \$2,400 on takeable. The bid price was \$3,750 and the annual rental is \$172.

Steam Laundry Company. The annual rental is \$50, and a condition of sale was that at least \$10,000 should be spent in a factory within the residential premises, or not less than \$16,000 in the event of a factory with residential premises, or residential premises only be erected there.

The purchaser said that the site would be used for a rubber shoe factory and will probably have residential premises attached.

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Evacuation Petition Falls. The Hongkong husbands' petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies pleading for the return of evacuated wives and families has been refused.

The full text of the Secretary of State's reply is as follows:

"I have received the petition which has been forwarded to me by the Hongkong Government and I have considered it with sympathy and understanding. I am sorry that I cannot accede to the petition, but I am bound to do so in the interests of the Hongkong Government and the Hongkong people."

The decision of the H.M. Government that a section of women and children in the Colony should be evacuated as a defence measure was taken after most careful consideration of factors concerning defence of Hongkong in the event of serious deterioration in the political situation in the Far East. They are not to be regarded as a separate class of people, but as individuals who are entitled to the same treatment as the rest of the population of the Colony.

The H.M. Government's decision was necessary in the hands of the local authorities and even if it were true that some individuals were minded to do so, it would be impossible for the Government to submit themselves to H.M. Government's decision in such critical times as these H.M. Government would fall.

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Evacuation Petition Falls. The Hongkong husbands' petition to the Secretary of State for the Colonies pleading for the return of evacuated wives and families has been refused.

The full text of the Secretary of State's reply is as follows:

"I have received the petition which has been forwarded to me by the Hongkong Government and I have considered it with sympathy and understanding. I am sorry that I cannot accede to the petition, but I am bound to do so in the interests of the Hongkong Government and the Hongkong people."

The decision of the H.M. Government that a section of women and children in the Colony should be evacuated as a defence measure was taken after most careful consideration of factors concerning defence of Hongkong in the event of serious deterioration in the political situation in the Far East. They are not to be regarded as a separate class of people, but as individuals who are entitled to the same treatment as the rest of the population of the Colony.

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YOUNG VALIANTS

MANY have been bearing witness to the astonishing qualities that are being revealed by Britain's young men in this the greatest ordeal of the nation's long history. It is indeed a cause for constant wonderment and thankfulness.

Those elderly Jeremiahs who in the years of troubled peace used to discourse with malign eloquence on the degeneracy of our youth, their lack of interest in the things that matter, their evasion of responsibility, their pursuit of pleasure, their undue devotion to sport—do not these critics now hide their heads in shame? At any rate, their tongues have been stilled, and their consciences, it is hoped, are troubling them.

And what of Britain's totalitarian critics, who many months told the world that the British race was enfeebled, would not accept sacrifices, and had only to be attacked to collapse like a castle of sand? It is not to be expected that shame is now felt in those quarters. But there has been a great awakening. The Nazi and Fascist braggarts, if they ever believed that the British lion had gone into decrepitude, had lost its teeth and claws, are wiser now.

Britain's young men, taken many of them from the most ordinary, prosaic civil callings, have shown courage, resource and sacrifice unsurpassed in the Elizabethan or any other glorious epoch of our island story. The nation that still breeds such men has no need to fear the tyrants' regimented millions.

The young women, too, have shown themselves worthy of their brothers and their sires; and it cannot be doubted that the stoical, indomitable resistance shown by the civil populace in general to all the deprivations of Nazi frightfulness is due, not only to the determination not to bow the knee to Hitler, but also to the constant inspiration of young Britain's daily roll of noble deeds in many places of danger.

The whole empire goes for-



I WONDER what Hitler is thinking these days about Goering?

The Reichsmarschall is beginning to be a very big figure in the Reich. He has far out-distanced Goebbels and Hess and Himmler and all the rest of them. He is certainly the second man in Germany.

Nor does he depend entirely—as the others do—on Hitler's personal favour.

The Fuehrer, if he chose to, could have Goebbels or even Himmler himself shot to-morrow, and not a dog would bark in protest.

But to dismiss or discipline Goering would be a risky business. The Marshal is popular. His jovial brutality is of a type that the average German likes.

THE STRONG MAN

He has carefully and steadily built up that popularity. He has publicised himself. He is still doing so.

That flight over London was a superb bit of personal propaganda.

And he is the only party leader that the army respects.

All this gives him a status of his own, a certain security, a certain independence.

Alone of the Nazi chiefs, he can talk to Hitler as man to man. He can pit his will against the Fuehrer's; and his more robust vehemence often wins.

Hitler must wonder at times whether his Reichsmarschall is not becoming too powerful.

He must wonder what would happen if, one day, the two of them should come really to loggerheads.

Always, since the beginning of the Nazi Movement, Goering has, in his relations with Hitler, played the role of the strong man. Always his advice has been in favour of force, or ruthlessness, of violence.

NOT QUITE

Never was there a greater fallacy than that pathetic belief of British diplomacy—and not only of diplomacy—in the years before the war that Goering was a moderating force in the Nazi councils.

The diplomatists "fell for" Goering. He was difficult, temperamental: either moody and unapproachable, or impossibly voluble.

Ribbentrop was clammy and unpleasant: Goebbels was just a nasty little rat; Himmler was evil and sadistic. And so on.

But Goering, if you forget his record, was just a bluff, cheery personality. His jests might be coarse. But they were jests, and that was a relief in Nazi Germany.

ward with unshakable confidence. The foundations of the nation are as sound as they ever were. It is the human material that counts most of all—and the human material is all right.

WHAT ABOUT
GOERING
NOW?

By W. N. EWER

He liked good food and good wine. He was good company. He liked sports, gave his guests good shooting.

He was—damme, sir!—an officer and very nearly a gentleman.

HIS RECORD

So they fell for him—and when he told them he was all for peace and reason, they believed him. They forgot his record.

That record showed him, always and at every turn, for force and for brutality.

Hitler always had a yearning for getting his ends for hitting somebody on the head as the most effective form of argument.

That was why he staged the Reichstag fire.

Hitler had intrigued his way to the Chancellorship of the Reich. Goering knew what he wanted—a ruthless dictatorship, a savage terror that would smash down all opposition.

Hitler was hesitating, as he always tends to hesitate in crises. Goering fired the Reichstag, knowing the effect that drama would have on the unstable mind of his leader. He judged rightly.

Hitler gazed at the fire and was persuaded. He declared it a "sign from Heaven."

ALWAYS GOERING

The terror was loosed. It was Goering's terror.

It was Goering who planned the "Blood Bath" of 1934, persuaded Hitler by false information, that it was necessary for his own safety.

It was Goering who carried out that "purge" in Prussia with fourfold ruthlessness.

Always, and right through, he has been the same. Always the disciple of the smashing blow as the one solution for every problem.

When the wretched Hacha of Czechoslovakia went to Berchtesgaden in March last year, it was Goering who clinched the argument, by announcing that he had 800 bombers waiting, all ready to blow Prague to smithereens unless the Czech Premier signed on the dotted line.

It was Goering, too, who assured his leader that the moment he gave the word the Nazi Air Fleet would smash right through the RAF and all our defences and clear the way for an invading army.

IT WENT WRONG

If Brauschitz and Keitel would have men and ships Von Keitel was.

The
Mere
Man

Hope Never Greater Much has happened since this time last year, and the intervening twelve months changes in our so-called civilised society. These changes, for the most part, have been brought about, either directly or indirectly, by the European war, the prosecution of which has been accompanied by a succession of shattering events, whose effects have been felt in every corner of the earth.

Tragedy, suffering, hunger and other forms of distress are rampant over wide areas, and their early abatement cannot reasonably be foreseen. Yet, in taking stock of the general situation to-day, there is cause for gratification, not only because millions more fortunate are still spared the worst, but also in that the flicker of hope burning in many hearts for a better and saner world, which came perilously close to extinguishment, flames more brightly.

Although the time has not arrived for complete assurance, there is, nevertheless, sufficient ground for believing that the forces of evil will be destroyed. The consternation, uncertainty and general gloom that followed the collapse of France and the retreat of the British forces from the Continent, have, since the disruption of Hitler's invasion plans and what may be called the defeat of the Nazi air horror, and more recently the success of the Greeks and the British penetration into Lybia, given place to a more cheerful state of mind, more confidence and greater faith in the future.

Men of the fighting services of the British Empire and its allies deserve all our thanks and our every encouragement. Let us remember them at this season—and let us also not forget the civilians, the people, who have shown such admirable courage throughout these unhappy months. From their example, let us derive the same forbearance, the same resolution, the same will to fight and overcome darkness and disaster.

Debts And Credits

And what of Hongkong in these twelve months? We have accomplished a great deal in some directions, but a lot of things that required to be done have not been tackled. I am thinking, above all, of the sorry state of our social services. The war has claimed urgent attention—and as part of the Empire we have only done right in considering what sacrifice we can make for the common cause—but the war should not be taken as an excuse to cover up our failure to meet our responsibilities to our own citizens. As a result of indifference and inaction, we find to-day in our midst the same, if not greater, misery and distress.

Reading of every report issued by our charitable institutions leads to the same view. And the total inadequacy of measures to remedy the situation is frankly admitted by the Government. Poverty and other ills have only grown with the steady rise in the cost of living, the rate of which has been officially estimated to be 45 per cent. since the outbreak of the European war.

Sir Geoffrey Northcote promised shortly before he departed on leave that a comprehensive scheme for dealing with the problem would be devised. That was the last we heard of it. It is not too much to ask the Government to hurry up; and we should feel we had started the New Year aright if we were given some indication that the problem was being actively tackled.

A Strange Christmas

This Christmas is, for many, not going to be like any they have ever known. There may be local citizens who have lost sons, daughters, relatives or friends, in front-line action as well as in bombings, sinkings and other disasters of war. But wives and children evacuated to a far country—that is a sad, new experience of war, and Christmas, the children's festival, the season for family reunion, emphasises it.

But, thinking twice, there was a Christmas long ago which had its parallel with this—

"When they (the wise men) departed, behold the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, 'Arise, and take the young Child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young Child to destroy Him.'"

Perhaps those who are here alone, and can only spend Christmas in thought with their dear ones in Australia and other places, may find some little comfort in the knowledge that He who gave us Christmas was Himself once an evacuated child.

We live in sad times, and there is greater sadness than being temporarily parted from one's family. So make the best of it and stick it through! There are others whose Christmas is also a lonely one—and perhaps not only just this year!

Whatever your lot, I give you the good, old wish, a Merry Christmas—and may the New Year dawn happily!

—Claudius

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty

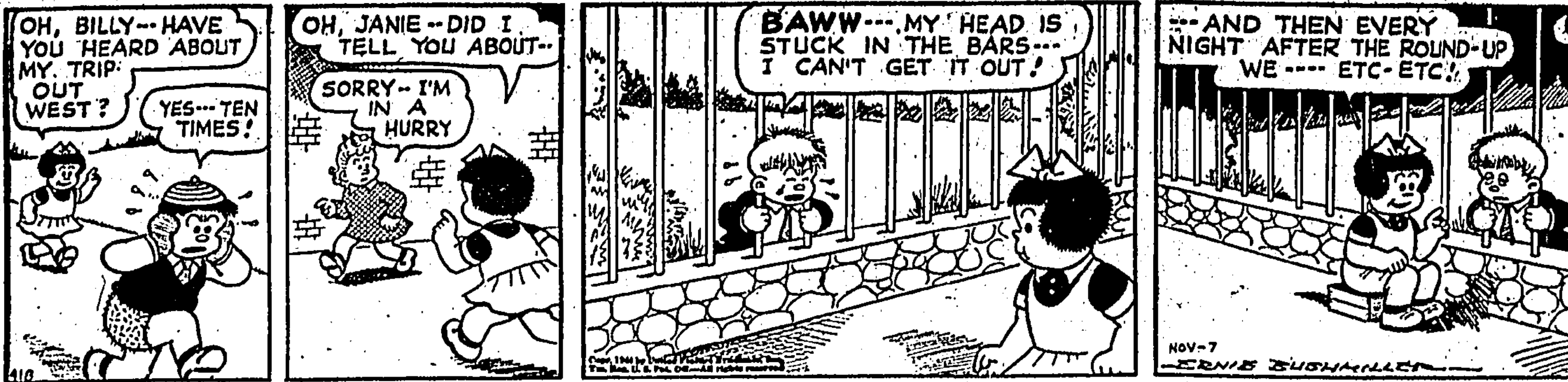


"Philbert's very strict with the children, mother—whenever they're naughty, he just ups and leaves!"

The House of Quality & Service

NANCY

By Ernie Bushmiller



Police Inquire Into Pamphlets From Italian Internees In Manx

POLICE in the Isle of Man have failed to discover how pamphlets written by Italian internees in the island were smuggled from their camp and delivered by post to hundreds of Manx citizens. The pamphlets, printed by duplicating machine, explained that Italians are not such bad fellows after all, that they have sons or friends in the British Army, that their wives and children are being bombed.

Manx people want to know how this pamphlet came from the aliens' internment camp, who printed it, who obtained a list of their names and addresses, and who posted it to them. The pamphlets were distributed after Mrs. H. L. Fletcher, wife of the director of education in the Isle of Man, organised a concert to aid hospital charities.

It was announced when the concert was arranged that several internees well known in European music circles would take part. The announcement coincided with news of the bombing of women and children in London, whereupon Manxmen and their wives protested.

Letters poured into the homes of the promoters of the concert denouncing such a way of raising money for charities.

"How can we applaud these people when we know what they are doing in London?" one letter said. The concert was cancelled.

A few hours later pamphlets written by Italian internees were delivered through the post to hundreds of addresses in the Isle of Man.

The pamphlets said:

Reasons
 "The internees who offered their services to the hospitals did so for the following reasons:
 "That they have earned their livelihood in Britain for the past 20 or 30 years.
 "That they respect the cause of hospitals as being outside all national or political considerations.
 "That they are willing and anxious to make a small contribution of their wages to the funds of a

great charitable institution that has succoured their compatriots.

"That our British wives and children are also being bombed by the Germans and are suffering as much as those who are objecting to the concert being held."

One Desire

Mrs. Fletcher told a reporter: "Our only desire was to help the hospitals."

Ten per cent. of the proceeds of the concert were to have been devoted to helping the poorer aliens in the internment camp.

The sum used for this purpose was expected to be about £15. Italian internees had spent £20 out of their own pockets on scenery and other expenses.

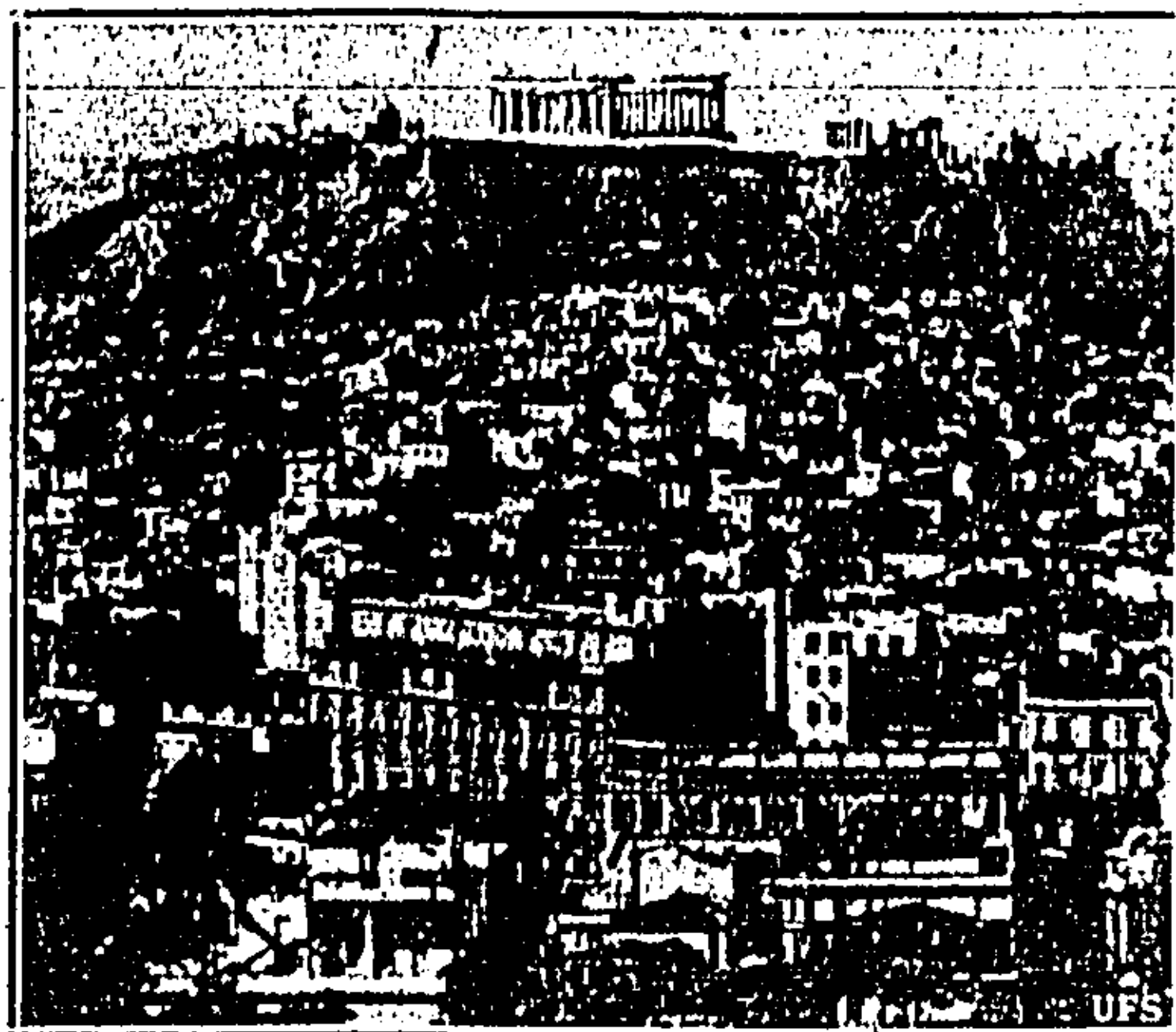
The concert had been approved by the Camp Commandant, Colonel Buggaley. An inquiry into the introduction of the pamphlets into Manx mails began immediately they were received by householders.

Danger Of Neurosis Among War Babies

BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS, Dec. 21 (UP).—Babies born amid the crashes and bursting shells of war may run the risk of nervous illness even before they come into this world, Dr. L. W. Sontag, director of the Samuel S. Fels Research Institute, Antioch College, indicated to the Society for Research in Child Development meeting at Harvard Medical School here.

A frightened mother who must give birth to her baby among the unusual noises of bombardment and anti-aircraft fire may find that the infant is affected by this unfortunate environment. If the disturbed conditions continue for a long period just before birth, the baby may actually suffer from a neurosis both before and after birth.

He will be restless and overactive. He may have feeding difficulties and heart spasms. He will probably be thin.



ATHENS TO-DAY—One of the loveliest cities of the Old World, Athens is the centre of Greek resistance to Italian designs. Above is a view of the city, with the Acropolis hill above it. The Acropolis is famous for its architectural and sculptural beauties.

Flying Still Man's Game

Says Famous Aviatrice

ALBANY, NEW YORK, Dec. 21

(UP).—Flying is still a man's game because the average woman pilot takes to aviation with the idea it will be a "novel lark," according to Laura Ingalls, famous aviatrice.

"In reality it's deadly serious business," she said on a stop here during a 3,000 mile transcontinental flight. "Women must win the respect of male pilots before they can play an important role in American aviation."

The American woman's temperament is totally unsuited to combat flying in wartime although she might render valuable service as a pilot of ambulance or photographic planes, Miss Ingalls believes.

"The trouble is, the average instructor doesn't give a hoot about

NEW C.I.D. HOURS

A plan for staggered hours has been adopted by sections of the C.I.D. at Scotland Yard. If it is a success it may be extended throughout the department.

Officers on special duty and a large force of reserves will in future remain on duty for 10 hours and will be off duty for 32. The arrangement has been agreed to by the officers. Normally they would be entitled to a special allowance after eight hours' duty.

making a woman a thoroughly competent pilot," she added.

Miss Ingalls established the transcontinental east-west and west-east records for women flyers in 1935, and is the only American aviatrice to make a successful flight over the treacherous Andes mountains of Peru.

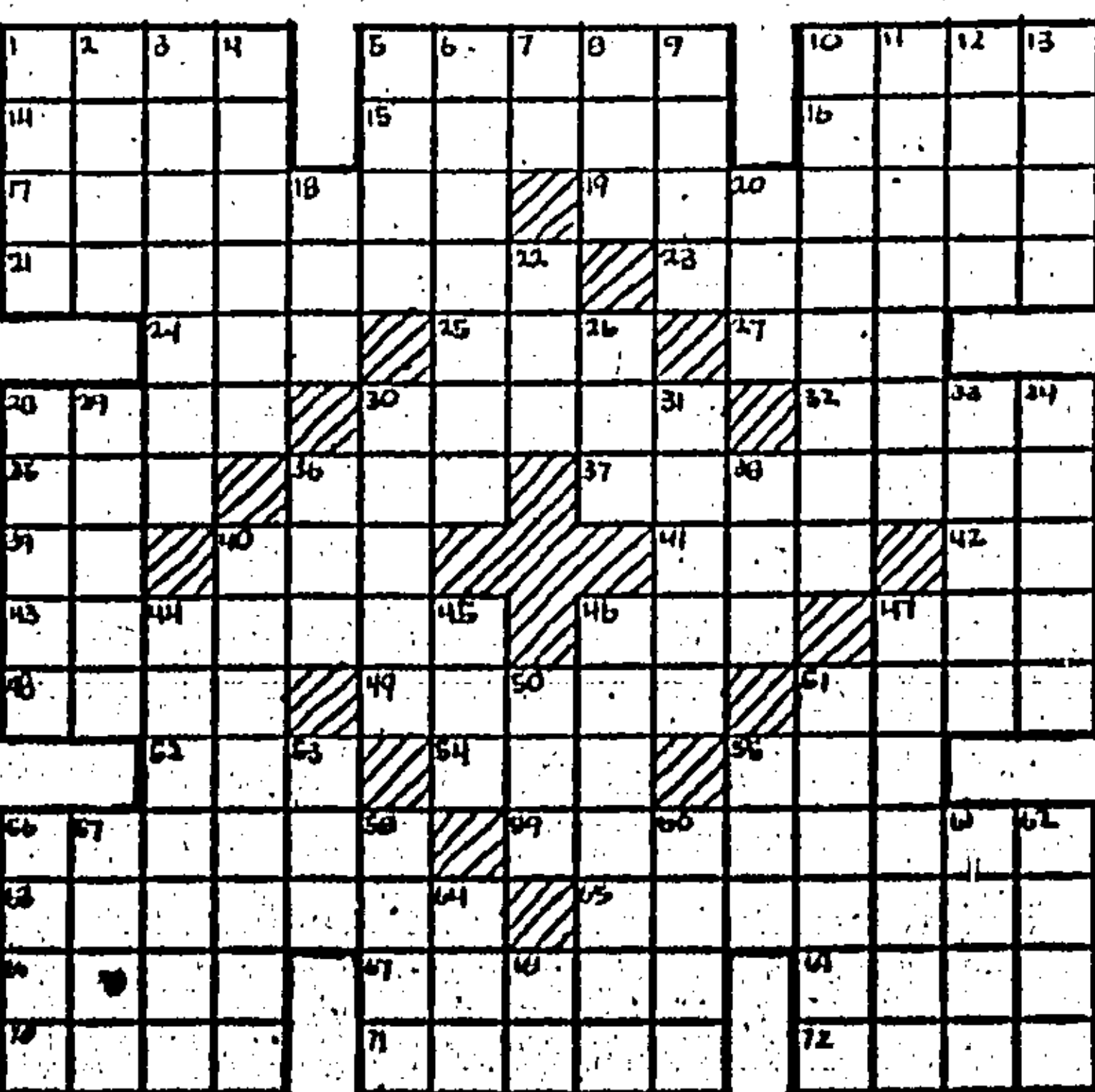
Crossword Puzzle

By LAURE MORRIS

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

ACROSS
 1—Conceded facts
 2—Transmits through post
 10—Too bad!
 14—Sign of impending happening
 15—Item of property
 16—Heavy title of Philippines
 17—Instructions
 18—Director
 21—Twisted together
 22—Withering
 24—Long fish
 26—At present time
 27—Deductive article
 28—Puff, as cat (nocturnal)
 30—Place
 32—Land surrounded by water
 35—Junker
 36—Abstract conception of being
 37—Maker of deed
 39—Ancient Egyptian deity
 40—Metric measure of area
 41—Common breakfast food
 42—Lute
 43—More nauseous
 46—Loss of consciousness
 47—Heated
 48—Pial, narrow strip of wood
 49—Parts of house
 51—Father
 53—State of declivity
 54—Piercing
 55—Tonal
 56—Constructed
 59—Chilling for repetition of

DOWN
 1—Dispense in small quantities
 2—Expression of hearty
 3—Lament
 4—Examiner
 5—Heavily
 6—German author in exile
 7—Klein as
 8—Center of solar system
 10—Making ashamed
 11—Most lethargic
 12—Stirring brew
 13—Kind
 18—Lubricating fluid
 19—Time
 20—Famous fellow
 22—Pertaining to
 23—American educator (died 1939)
 25—Customers
 26—Alas contemptuous expression
 28—Dominant of liquids
 29—Defeated contestant
 30—Tow
 32—Puffs; very much
 34—In the past
 36—Waited upon
 40—Dallied beyond
 41—Familiar desire
 45—Mottled streak in mahogany
 46—Altered for sake of improvement
 47—One who acts bounds to
 50—Are under obligation
 51—Most certain
 52—None
 53—The sun
 54—Unit of electrical resistance
 57—Sound of bell
 58—Tow
 60—Yield
 61—Roman emperor
 62—Dull color
 64—Title of respect
 68—Mother



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High French Officials In Detention

A DESCRIPTION of the "life of members of the former French Government now detained in Chateau Chazeron," was recently given by the official German news agency.

Chazeron Castle, says the agency, is a fortress dating from the Middle Ages. It is surrounded by a deep moat.

"The four men detained there, MM. Daladier, Reynaud, Mandel and General Gamelin, are in separate quarters. They are allowed out in the grounds, but at different times.

They must share their meals with the warders and must pay for them out of their own pockets.

"They spend part of the day preparing for their defence at Riom. They talk politics with their warders, who are cautioned to be friendly but reserved.

Threatens Revolutions

"According to reports," continues the agency, "M. Reynaud is the most depressed. M. Daladier is very talkative. He threatens sensational revelations at the trial.

"Both Daladier and Reynaud ride bicycles in the park.

"Gamelin is said to be the quietest. Besides preparing for his defence, he is engaged in writing a book on military science. In talks with his warders he is not in any way responsible for the turn of events and that he was betrayed by his generals."

M. Mandel, former Minister of the Interior, is described as the "enfant terrible."

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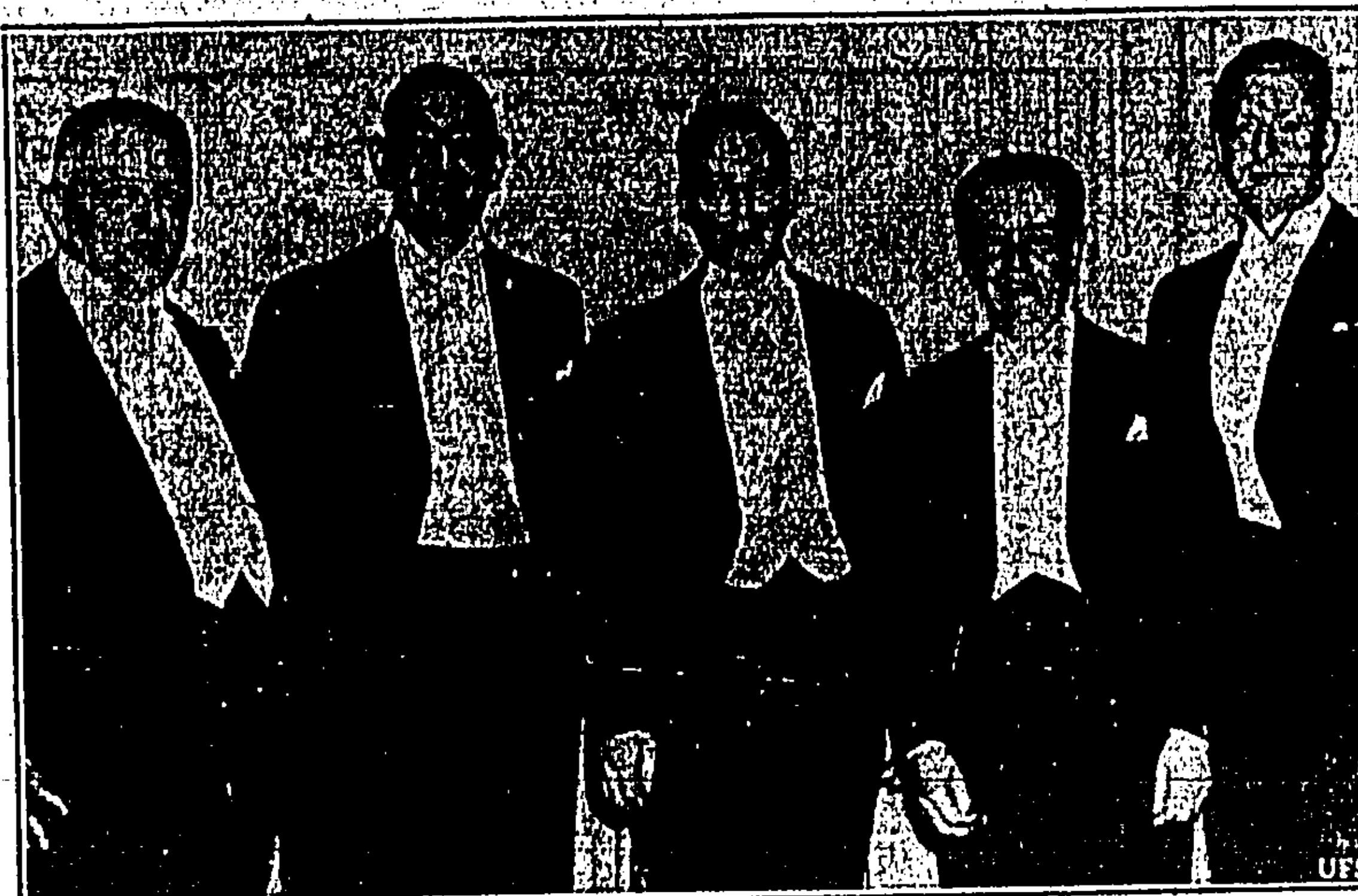
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NEWSMEN HONORED—For fostering cooperation among Americas, Columbia University awarded Maria Moors Cabot prizes to newsmen above. From left: Rafael H. Vello, Mexico City; Agustin Edwards, Chile; Dean Carl W. Ackerman, Columbia; Enrique Santos, Colombia; and James Irvin Miller, Buenos Aires, vice president, United Press in South America.

Drowned During Heart Attack

Death from drowning by falling into a stream after a heart attack was recorded at the Swansea Inquest on Sir Harold Carpenter, the distinguished metallurgist, who was found lying face downwards in a small stream in Clyno Valley, Swansea.

Dr. Vyvyan Davies, in evidence, said that Sir Harold's heart was in such a condition that he might have died at any moment. He thought Sir Harold had had either a fainting fit or a heart attack.

Lady Carpenter said that Clyno Valley was a favourite walk of her husband's.

The Ministry is asking 125,000 dollars (£31,250) for each of them, cash down—although, in the event of competition between prospective buyers, the planes will go to the highest bidders.

The Ministry has guaranteed delivery of the machines in New York. The money from the sale of the machines, a spokesman of the British Ministry of Aircraft Production explained, would be used to build more British fighters—which would, in turn, bring in more German prizes for sale.

Major A. D. Wintle, M.C., of the 1st Royal Dragoons, the Officer in the Tower, who was court-martialled on August 27 after being detained since June 22, was recently notified that his pay had been restored.

It was not until his court-martial that Major Wintle learned his Army pay had been stopped during the time he was a prisoner in the Tower. There were three charges made at the court-martial, but on only one, a civil offence alleging that he assaulted Air Commodore Boyle, was the major found guilty. The court ordered him to be severely reprimanded.

Before sentence was promulgated, Major Wintle was ordered to report to a depot for service overseas.

The death of Professor William Waddington Cooke, seventy-two-year-old professor of music at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, was announced recently.

His house in a London suburb received a direct hit several days ago, and the death announcement stated: "Previously reported missing, now declared to have been killed as a result of enemy action."

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Nazis Lose Plans For New Berlin

Hitler—if he ever gets the chance will have to begin all over again with many of his plans for the reconstruction of Berlin and provincial areas.

For in the destruction, as the result of a recent big raid by the R.A.F. of the Academy of Arts building in the Prater Platz, Berlin, there perished also the greater part of the models and plans for the Nazi rebuilding scheme.

They were in the office of Professor Speer, general inspector of Reich constructions. The office was completely ruined.

Chancery Court Demolished

One Chancery Court was demolished when a high explosive bomb crashed into the west wall of the main Law Courts building during recent air raids.

The Lord Chancellor's Court on one side and another Chancery Court on the other were extensively damaged. Windows in all courts in the West Gallery on the first floor were smashed.

The bomb appeared to have broken through to the ground floor, where the blast shattered some of the valuable stained glass windows in the great hall.

The west window of Westminster Abbey has been slightly damaged, a few small squares being broken.

Prayers As Bombed Boy Is Rescued

As twelve-year-old Ronnie Eldridge was rescued from the ruins of his bombed home in East London recently, a dean, wearing an Army chaplain's uniform, recited the Lord's Prayer, bystanders joining in.

Rescue parties had worked for three hours to release Ronnie, as guns roared and a raider hovered overhead.

Though injured, Ronnie smiled gamely as he was laid on a stretcher and taken to hospital.

The bomb which scored a direct hit on his home killed his mother and a lodger, Miss Vincent, and two other people in an adjoining house, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith.

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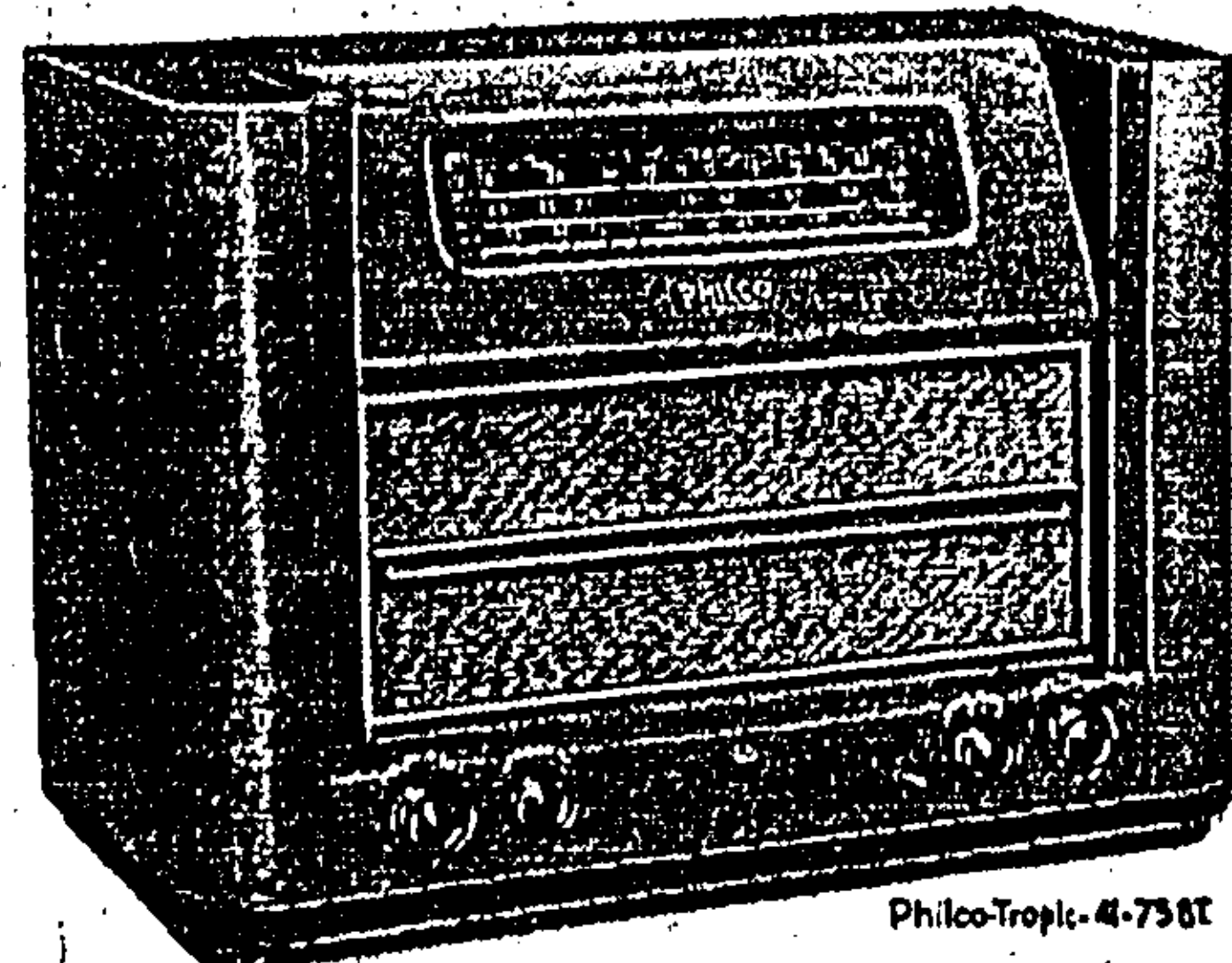
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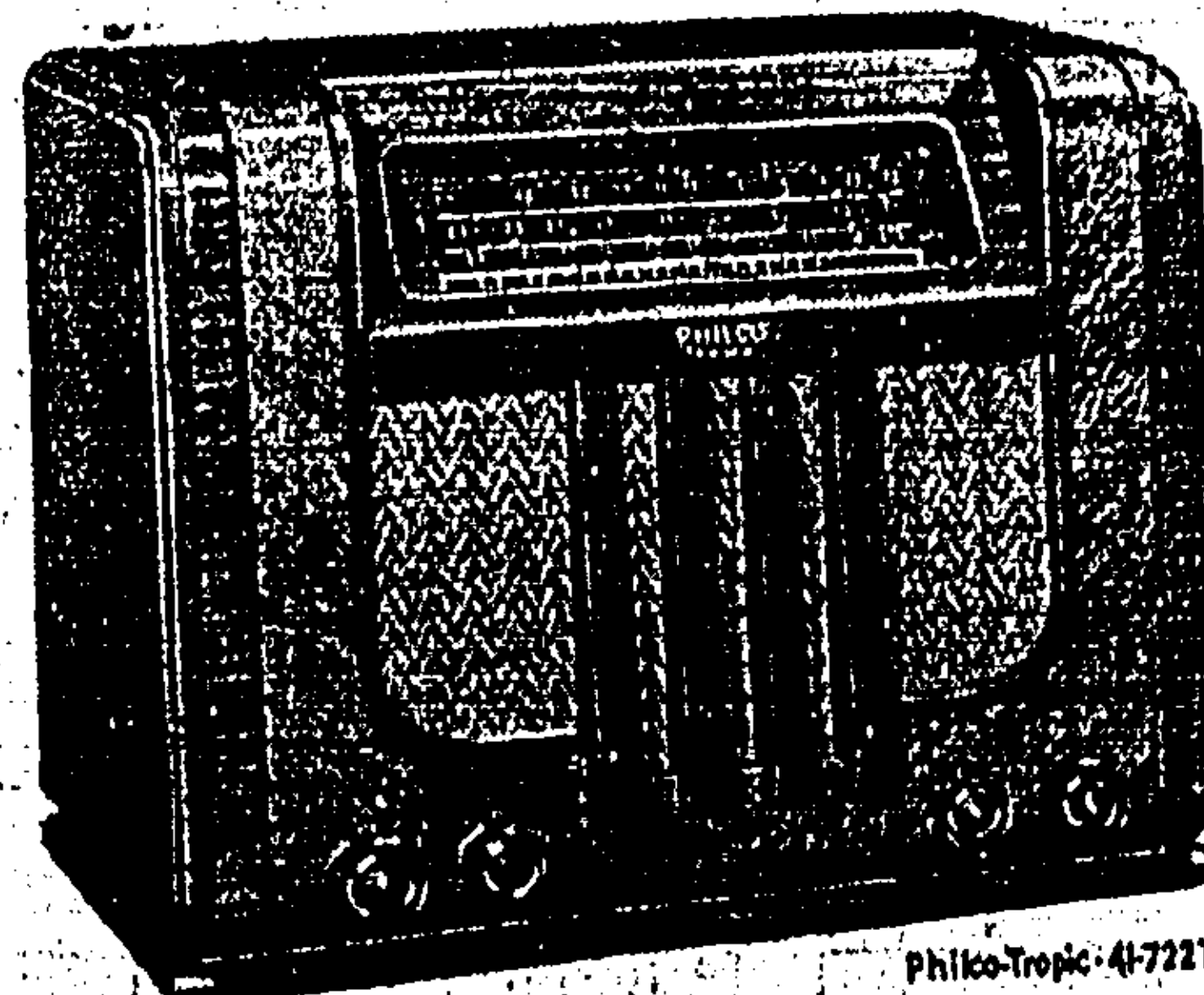
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Girls Escape From Nazi Prison Camp

AFTER escaping from a German prison camp by a secret route, Miss Bessie Myers, young daughter of a London stockbroker, and her friend, Miss Mary Derby, also of London, have reached home safely.

"We got here by luck and good management," Miss Myers said in London.

But she would not disclose how they got away or where they had come from.

"That must remain an official secret," she said.

The girls were led into a trap by a Fifth Columnist and captured by a German mechanised column while driving ambulances in France.

Driver's Trick

With three other drivers—Miss Marjorie Jula, South African author and airwoman, Miss Penelope Otto, of King's Sutton, Oxfordshire, and Miss Ursula Bennett, whose home was in Paris—they were serving with the Sixth French Army.

One June 14, while driving ambulances loaded with equipment, they took the road the refugees were using.

A Dutch ambulance driver told them the road was blocked with refugees and suggested that they should take a left-hand fork.

A few miles farther on they drove into a German column of tanks and machine guns. The Dutch driver told the Germans the girls were English and he was treated like a hero.

The Germans took the ambulances with them, but during a halt the girls had a quick discussion, and when the column started to move again three of them turned and accelerated in the opposite direction.

"A Handful"

They got away, but Miss Myers and Miss Derby were not so lucky. It was impossible for them to follow.

For weeks they were held prisoner. Then Miss Myers' father heard that they were in the care of the French military authorities at Vichy.

"After that I didn't worry," Mr. Myers said. "I reckon the Germans found Bessie too much of a handful."

"Nothing would daunt her once she had decided on a plan of escape."



IN HOLY LAND—Australian soldiers find new scenes and new faces. Here they fraternize with Greek orthodox priests in Gaza district of Palestine.

THURSDAY'S BRIDE IS FRIDAY'S PRISONER

HELEN WILLIAMS, aged twenty-six, of Kennington Park-road, S.E., was married on a Thursday. The next day, her first day as Mrs. Hoy, wife of Michael Hoy, she was sent to prison for three months.

Her husband appealed to Mr. Boyd, the Marlborough-street magistrate, to give her "just one last chance."

"I will take her out of all bad company," he said. "I have a good job and can allow her £5 a week. I love her very much and I will take her right away and take all responsibility."

"She has promised never to do any thing like this again."

But Mr. Boyd said he was extremely sorry—it was impossible for him to yield to the appeal.

This was not the first time Helen Williams had been convicted of shoplifting. It was the fourth.

LUXURIES TAXED In Yugoslavia

A special tax of from 5 to 25 per cent. to provide food this winter for the poorer classes has been imposed in Yugoslavia on incomes of more than £400. Special food taxes have also been introduced in luxury establishments and on refreshments served after 10 p.m.

Many prosecutions for hoarding are taking place.

A decree instructing teachers in the Belgrade area to refuse to accept school fees from Jewish parents, which was regarded as balloon desecration, has been withdrawn owing to public disapproval.

U.S. TRIBUTE TO NAVY

The Italian war effort is belittled in the weekly article entitled "In the News," which is universally attributed to Mr. W. R. Hearst, appearing in the "New York Journal American."

"Italy threatened to conquer Egypt, but that is an empty threat," says the article. "Within the past week England's great Navy drove the Italian fleet to take refuge in flight in the Dodecanese Archipelago, and when the Mediterranean had been swept clear of Italian warships the English Navy safely conducted a mighty convoy laden with soldiers from the Dominions to Egypt to defend the Suez Canal. It will be a difficult task for Italy to capture the Canal now."

The article adds that the Italian Air Force has proved ineffective against formidable sea power.

American Squadron With R.A.F.

The first American squadron of the R.A.F. is being formed. Its pilots will all be airmen volunteers from the U.S., and the name of this fighter unit is the Eagle Squadron.

The Air Minister (Sir Archibald Sinclair) said that the Eagle Squadron will soon take its place in the fighting line.

Ground staff will be supplied by the R.A.F., but qualifications to be a pilot are American citizenship and a minimum of 250 hours' flying experience.

Thirty-five American pilots are training. Some were serving in the French forces when France collapsed. They escaped to Britain.

Commissioned

Each man accepted is given a commission in the R.A.F. Volunteer Reserve. He takes no special oath of allegiance and his service with a foreign force is permitted by the U.S. Government. On his R.A.F. uniform is a spread eagle badge surmounted by the letters "E.S."

In command is Squadron Leader W. E. G. Taylor, one-time pilot in the U.S. Naval Air Service who went to Britain last year and was granted a commission in the Fleet Air Arm.

Behind the administration, and formation of future units, is Colonel Charles Sweeney, now ranked as Group Captain.

He was one of the organisers of the American volunteers who joined the French Army in 1914 and later he formed the famous Escadrille Lafayette.

Norway Ministers' Property Seized

All property in Norway belonging to members of the exiled Norwegian Government and to Dr. Hambro, Speaker of the Norwegian Parliament, has been confiscated, according to messages received in Stockholm from Oslo.

Norwegian announcers taking part in the B.B.C.'s Norwegian broadcasts are to be warned that unless they cease they will be deprived of their property and their Norwegian citizenship.



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BRIDE'S APPEAL For Young Husband

A young smartly dressed woman unsuccessfully appealed for bail for her husband at Cambridge recently. They had been married for only

three days. "He will be a better boy now he's married," she said.

Cecil Donald Smith, aged twenty-one, described as a gardener of Wimborne, Dorset, was remanded in custody, charged with stealing two chairs, a feather bed and a pair of curtains from a vacant house.

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Credulous Chinese Pays Out On Fairy Stories

"Obviously you are not an expert when it comes to dealing with human nature, or you would not have parted with your money to a rogue like this," declared Mr. E. Himsforth at Kowloon Magistracy this morning to Chan Sun-ng, 41, described as a rubber expert.

Chan was complainant in a case against Ho Shing, 40, who admitted obtaining \$352.50 by false pretences.

Widespread Night Raids On Britain

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anti-aircraft shell crashed through the window of a public house in a west Midland town, where the wedding reception was under way.

Quiet Monday Morning
LONDON, Dec. 23 (UP).—It was quiet in the London area early this morning after a long lull, with only a couple of bursts of gunfire heard since the last alarm. During the evening, bombs fell on a town in east Anglia with little damage, and incendiary bombs were dropped on a northwest town.

Sunday's Activity
LONDON, Dec. 22 (Reuters).—Enemy air activity over Britain during daylight hours to-day was very small but after darkness raiders were reported from several districts, including Liverpool, Midland, northern, west and south-west towns in England and Wales.

Up to a late hour to-night, there had been no reports of heavy bombings but in several places the raiders met a strong anti-aircraft barrage. An alarm was sounded in the London area soon after dusk and there were indications that a very heavy barrage was being put up against the raiders.

During the day one Junkers 88 bomber was reported brought down in south-eastern England.

Two British planes landed in Eire, according to an official statement issued in Dublin, and the crews were interned.

Bangkok Reports Repelling Of

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American nationals in Thailand, one half of whom are in Bangkok.

May Negotiate
VICHY, Dec. 22 (UP).—Despatches from the Saigon indicate that the situation between Indo-China and Thailand is improving.

The French Government, declared the despatches, feel that the authorities at Bangkok are not opposed to a resumption of negotiations between the French and the Thais, which was arranged last June, but which never occurred when the Thais, instead of proceeding with friendly negotiations to settle the disputed possession of the Mekong river island, chose, instead, to take direct action.

The French announce that if the Thais want to negotiate with M. Garreau, the French Minister to Thailand who is now in possession of full instructions, they will be able to engage in conversations immediately.

Aircraft Factories For India?

The British Government is negotiating with Mr. W. D. Pawley, the aviation expert, who supervised the building of Nationalist China's only aircraft factory, with a view to the promotion of a similar project in India, says the "New York Herald-Tribune."

Mr. Pawley last month made a survey of sites in India and studied the aptitude of Indians for the work necessary for the building of aircraft.

Detective Sergeant Haynes said that complainant visited defendant's house in Chatham Road on December 14 for his "fortune" to be told and defendant told him to give him some money to buy race tickets for good luck. Complainant gave the defendant \$50 and on December 17 the defendant said that he needed \$50 to give to the goddess of a temple and the complainant gave him this sum too.

Subsequently, the complainant saw the defendant again and was told that the goddess wanted a suitcase to keep things in the temple and that he had bought such a suitcase for \$32.50. Complainant gave the defendant that sum.

Turned Into Tissue Paper
On December 19, the defendant told complainant that he had had a conversation with the goddess and she had told him that there were 22 devils each of whom required \$10 before any good luck could be obtained. Complainant gave defendant \$220. The money was placed into a tin and when the complainant saw the defendant once again, the latter told him that the goddess had informed him that the devils were indignant because the money was not good and when he had looked into the tin where the money had been kept he found that the notes had turned into tissue paper.

Defendant said that he had used the money to pay his arrears in rent and for other things.

Defendant was sentenced to four months' hard labour and ordered to be expelled from Hongkong.

Suicide During Air Raid Warning

A verdict of "Suicide while the balance of her mind was disturbed" was recorded at a Lewisham inquest, on Mrs. Rosina Scholey (73), of Ashburnham Grove, Greenwich, who took her life while an air raid warning was in progress.

Mr. Francis Scholey, the husband, said that when the air raid warning sounded, he and his wife went to the dugout in the garden. Later she told him that she had got tired of waiting and was going to the house to get some bread and milk.

When the all-clear sounded he went back to the house and found his wife, lying dead on the kitchen floor in front of a gas stove. The room was full of gas.

His wife dreading the prospect of having to enter hospital shortly. She was in poor health.

LATE NEWS

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Vichy Acquires Havas

Reorganisation Move

VICHY, Dec. 18 (UP).—The French government has been authorized to acquire a 25,000,000-franc holding in Agence Havas under a law entitled "Law Relative to a Reorganization of the Havas Company."

Technically, Agence Havas has been a private company hitherto with a total capital stock for a news and an advertising agency of about 105,000,000 francs. It has been the largest of three French news agencies, the others being Agence Radio and Agence Fournier. Agence Radio discontinued publication at Bordeaux on June 25 after the retreat from Paris. Agence Fournier continues to function at Vichy, having accompanied the government.

The law relative to Agence Havas' reorganization does not state the method of reorganization, but it was understood the government intended to acquire control of the news agency portion of the Havas company, which thereafter would function openly as a government agency, similar to Germany's DNB and Italy's Stefani.

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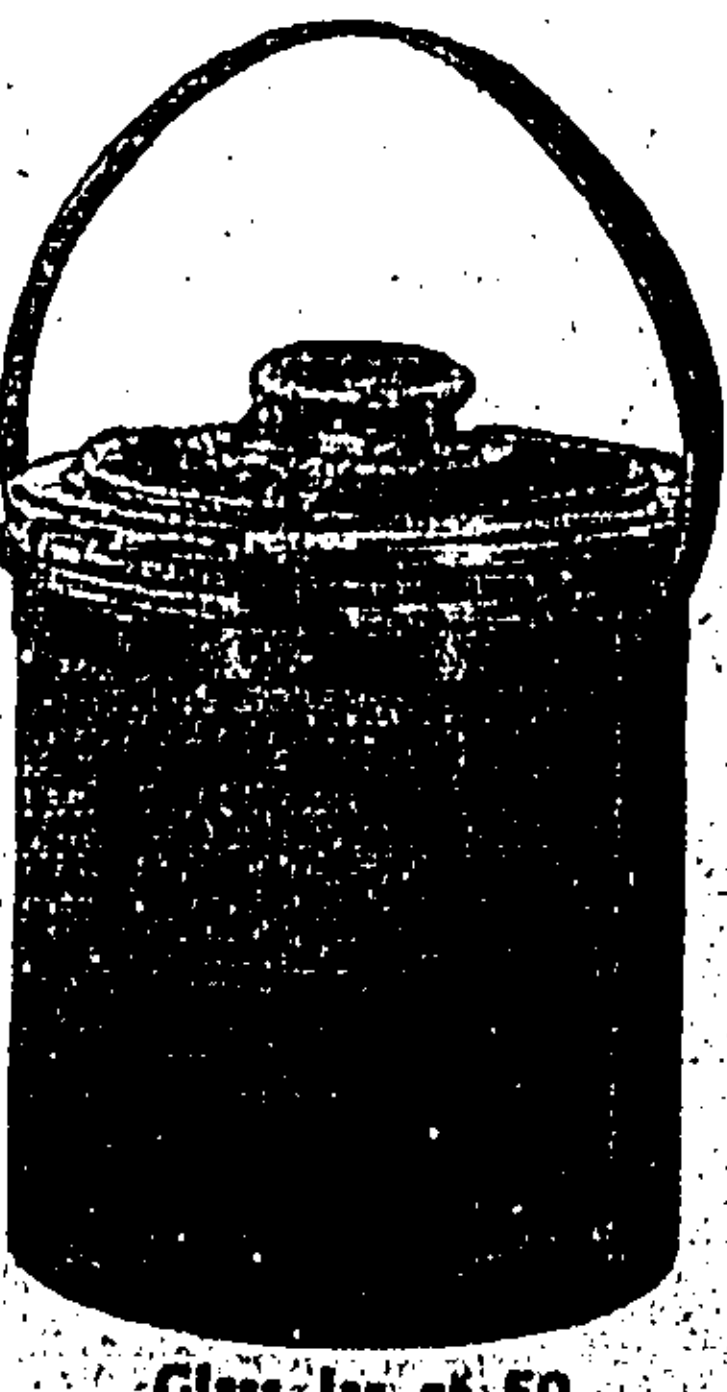
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